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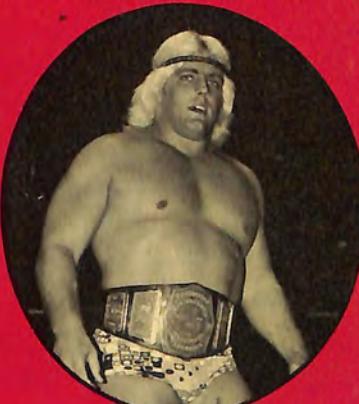
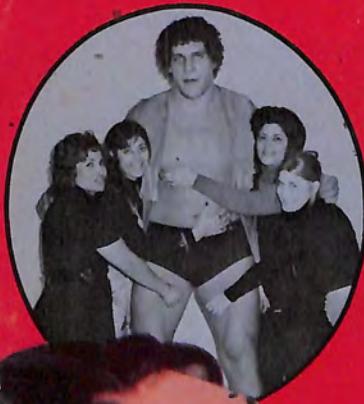
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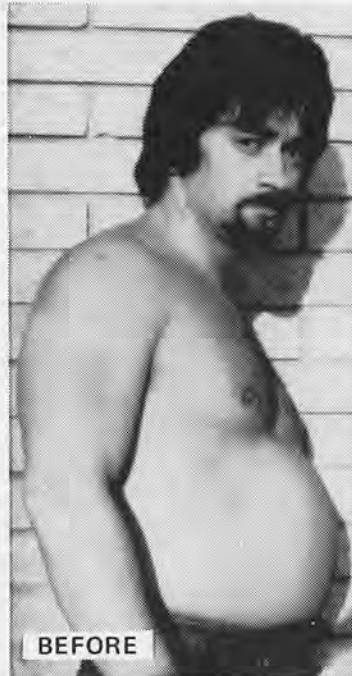
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almost any weight reduction you desire. And isn't that what you want?

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Brad Mitchell
27313 Plymouth Rd., Dept VI-2
Detroit, Michigan 48239

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8—LARRY ZBYSZKO
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2—GREG GAGNE
3—CRUSHER
4—PEDRO MORALES
5—RAY STEVENS
6—JIM BRUNZELL
7—LARRY HENNIG
8—ANGELO MOSCA
9—SUPER DESTROYER
10—PETER MAIVIA

MOST POPULAR WRESTLERS

1—ANDRE THE GIANT
2—DUSTY RHODES
3—BRUNO SAMMARTINO
4—MR. WRESTLING II
5—BOB BACKLUND
6—MIL MASCARAS
7—WAHOO McDANIEL
8—IVAN PUTSKI
9—CHIEF JAY STRONGBOW
10—ROCKY JOHNSON



ANGELO MOSCA



MIL MASCARAS

NATIONAL WRESTLING ALLIANCE

CHAMPION: HARLEY RACE
1—TERRY FUNK
2—SUPERSTAR GRAHAM
3—JACK BRISCO
4—MR. WRESTLING II
5—DUSTY RHODES
6—PAUL JONES
7—DORY FUNK JR.
8—MIL MASCARAS
9—DICK SLATER
10—WAHOO McDANIEL

TAG TEAMS

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2—BOBBY DUNCUM & BLACKJACK LANZA
3—THE ANDERSON BROTHERS
4—GREG VALENTINE & RIC FLAIR
5—BLACK GORDMAN & GOLIATH
6—THE EXECUTIONERS
7—JACK & JERRY BRISCO
8—THE VALIANT BROTHERS
9—THE HOLLYWOOD BLONDS
10—GREG GAGNE & JM BRUNZELL

MOST HATED WRESTLERS

1—ABDULLAH THE BUTCHER
2—OX BAKER
3—THE SHEIK
4—KEN PATERA
5—BARON VON RASCHKE
6—BRUISER BRODIE
7—ERNIE LADD
8—STAN STASIAC
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TOR KAMATA



BOB BACKLUND

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It's a fact that there are thousands of 'fat-cats' out there who are raking in the money, while putting in almost no physical labor!

I should know, I'm one of those 'fat-cats'!

But, I used to work hard, you know, the 12 hour day, 6 and 7 days a week. I was too busy working to make any real money! I never made the Big-Money until I started working less, a lot less!!

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Now, pardon me if I brag, but my words are worthless unless I can prove to you that I know what I am talking about!

I am a Millionaire and I have all the things associated with wealth. I live in a home valued over \$150,000.00 and I have a second vacation home on the lake (with several boats). And I drive the most expensive built car in America!

I own an apartment building, plus two office buildings, real estate, investments and I have a fortune in the bank!

Yet, for many years I was poor -- very poor. I started with less than \$50 -- and working only a few hours a day, I made over a Million dollars!! (and, I was having a 'ball' while making all this money)

Money gives me the freedom and the time to enjoy life! I do exactly what I want to do! I answer to no one. I vacation whenever and wherever I want, whether it be Las Vegas, Hawaii, Acapulco or Florida all First Class!!

Regardless where I am that money keeps rolling in! My glamorous assistants keep taking in the money. Certainly, the people who are making twenty times as much money as you are, aren't putting in twenty times as much work as you are (think about that).

Work doesn't make you Big-Money -- IT'S WHAT YOU DO THAT MAKES YOU BIG MONEY. That's how you get rich, you find 'EASY MONEY PLANS' that make you money!! Money hand-over-fist, until YOU are wealthy!!

I have opened up my files and put together a BIG BOOK, loaded with ingenious, shrewd, dynamite ways to make a lot of money!!



Why did I put together this book? Two reasons - vanity, seeing my name on a big book and something to show my children, someday!

My second reason is that so many people have asked me to put a book together because many have been fascinated, even envious of my life style (and money).

Almost everyone I talk to is unhappy with the way they are earning a living! They beg me to give them my secrets on making a lot of money, in a fun, lazy way!

If you really want to be rich...and have that money pouring in (and really enjoy the way you're making the money), knowing that other men envy you, women admire you, and that you've gotten more than your share of life -- this book will show you the way!

\$1,000 A WEEK!! (yet, I do nothing)



The young lady above is showing you the money she makes for me, every week!! She does all the work - all I do is the banking! I profit up to \$1,000 weekly, year after year!

It took me several years to perfect this Money-Making-Plan - but, you can have the entire set of plans, including my valuable forms! All you have to do is clip them out of the book and take it to your printer -- and you are in business!!

This Money-Plan provides a very necessary service to businesses! You sell nothing!! You use nothing but my special forms, which you are free to duplicate.

You don't have to do any work (unless you want to), you can hire a girl to do the typing and stuffing of envelopes!

Your phone book will give you all the names and addresses you need for this Money-Making-Plan. It can be started in any corner of your home -- and you can start with very little money!!

Why should I give you my valuable secrets and printed forms? Simply because it is impossible for me to cover the entire country -- millions need this valuable service. I can only tap a small part of it -- you're welcome to the rest!!

Most of these 'Easy Money Plans' require little capital (if any), and many can be done almost anywhere.

In fact, I was making over \$1,000 a week operating out of my basement (for several years), before I moved into an office!

Why not get everything you want out of life? You can still do it! If you have a job you hate and you're just getting by in life -- this book can erase your financial burden and put you on easy street for the rest of your life!

Age doesn't matter -- young or not so young, it's still easy to make money in a fun, lazy way! Education means nothing (I had a C average in high school). Background means nothing (believe me, mine was bad). If you're broke, that means nothing (I lived near poverty and started with pocket change).

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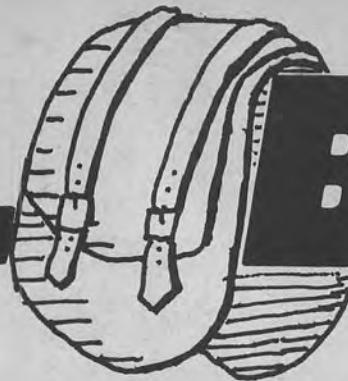
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MATCH OF THE CENTURY

I have just finished reading "The Apartment Wrestling match of the Year" (Spring 1977) for the third time, and I felt I just had to write. I believe you underrated this encounter between Tiffany and Marguerita. I think it should have been called "The Match of the Century."

Those two young women are magnificent, nothing less. Their battles have been spectacular contests of awesome ferocity and beauty. Yet I can't help hoping this will be their last battle.

Both women have shown what they can do. There is nothing left for them to prove. So let us hope they have solved their animal inner conflicts. Let us hope they do not have to battle again.

LAWRENCE MAURIK
Ames, Iowa



The ferocious battle between Tiffany and Marguerita (above and left) drew a voluminous amount of reader response. One reader suggested that this third battle between the two lovely women be called "The Battle of the Century!"



TOO MUCH

This time Stan Hansen has gone too far. He has always been a lying and conniving person, but when he answers yes to the question, "Are Stan Hansen and Ivan Putski Friends?" (Spring 1977), it is just too much. Does he really expect intelligent wrestling fans to believe him?

Well, I for one will never believe a word Stan Hansen says. There is no way he and Putski could be friends. There is no way Putski would even conceive of helping Stan Hansen. There is too much bad blood between the two men to make the idea seem semi-plausible.

I am sick of Stan Hansen and his lies. Personally, if I never saw another article written about him again it would be just fine. Indeed, I think I have seen too many articles written about Stan Hansen as it is. No more!

ALEX FIELDS
Stowe, Vt.

IT SOUNDS POSSIBLE

I was rather confused after reading "Are Stan Hansen and Ivan Putski Friends" (Spring 1977). Could it be possible? I don't know.

As much as I despise Stan Hansen he did make a plausible case. Putski has wrestled men Hansen later destroyed. I don't think they are ready to call themselves good friends, but it does seem possible they are not the enemies they once were.

It is all so confusing. I just don't know who to believe.

KAREN BLUMFIER
Amherst, Mass.

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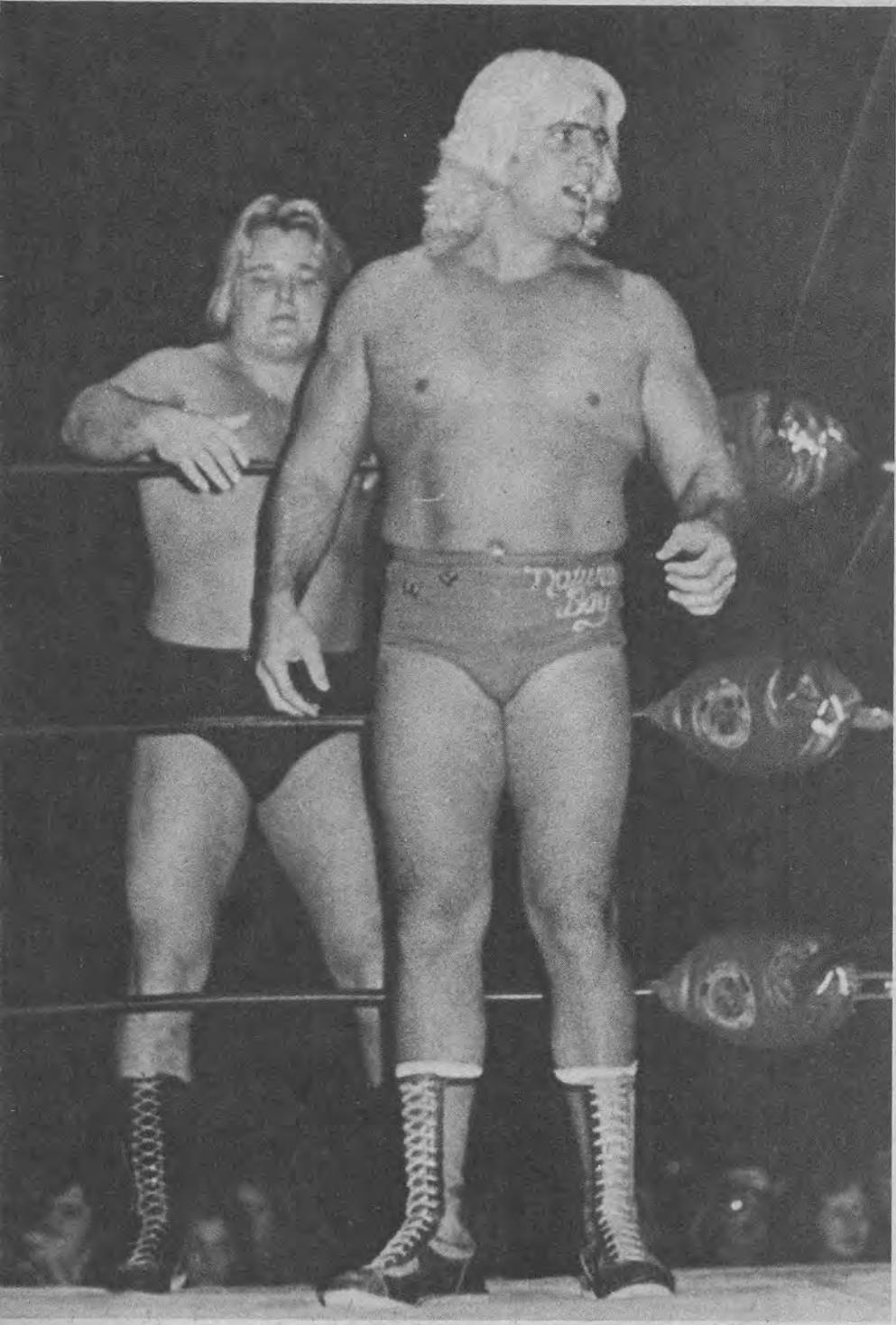
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After watching many different kinds of wrestling matches, it's hard to be shocked. A person gets used to the blood, the agony, the horror. It is just an accepted part of the sport. It takes a lot to shock a wrestling fan. Greg Valentine and Ric Flair shock wrestling fans all the time.

There's evil in the way they move. Cruelty guides every action. Their eyes betray no mercy. A man in their clutches is doomed. It has already happened too many times.

One doesn't have to see this team in action to realize the depths of their savagery. Some wrestlers can be cruel in combat but decent outside the arena. All their hatred is consumed during battle. Flair and Valentine have enough rage for 24 hours a day.

Joining the pair in a restaurant is an invitation to be embarrassed. They're crude, rude, insulting, and obnoxious. Trying to conduct an interview with them in a public eating place is next to impossible.

"We're the best," Valentine says while pelting an old lady with a roll, "because no one has the guts to stop us. They see one of our opponents carried out on a stretcher and panic sets in. Remember that guy a couple of nights ago? Well, forget him because he won't wrestle anymore. It seems the poor

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VALENTINE AND FLAIR

THEY'RE MEANER THAN HELL!

Greg Valentine and Ric Flair are the two most despicable men in wrestling. After reading this incredible but true article, we're sure you'll agree

THE MACHINE THAT PRINTS MONEY.

One of the first things I learned as a boy was, "You don't get something for nothing."

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I make that statement because I have in my hand *the system of the century* — a device that virtually prints money!

Now I'm not talking about a party gag, magic show or variety-store item. This method is not a gimmick that will "amaze your friends" until the trick is discovered. What I'm talking about is a fantastic new technique to *invest* — and *re-invest* — your money until the small sum you started with is multiplied into *many thousands of dollars*.

Do I have your attention so far?

Good. Because my method has to do with something that many people find distasteful . . . yes, even *laugh at!* The subject brings out strong opinions in almost everyone — pro or con — and may get a pretty strong reaction from you, too.

The subject is horse racing.

Whoa. Stop right there. I know . . . I've heard everything there is to say about the ponies. "You can't beat the horses." "A fool and his money are soon parted." "Gamble with fate, and you pay the price." "I had an uncle who lost everything . . ."

I don't argue with anybody. If a person is bent on self-destruction, he's simply going to find a way. Booze. Women. Debts. Gambling. Maybe even drugs. Nothing you can do or say is going to change the outcome, and the method that the troubled person takes to beat himself is not the issue.

Over the years horse racing has come in for a big share of the knocks. Everybody knows somebody who has gambled away a living, maybe a fortune, on the sport of kings. Recently I talked to a very solid citizen who told me, "If racing's the sport of kings, I never saw any kings out there!"

Again, I don't argue the point. Because I know what I know. I know that a prudent person who has a few dollars to spend can make a very handsome living at the track — with my secret, strictly — and I'll argue that point with anybody!

My secret is simple. So simple, in fact, that I am sure some of the so-called racing "experts" will sneer at my method without even investigating it. After all, that's human nature. But really, I don't feel bad . . . why should I? I have what they don't have . . . what no one has. *The secret to a machine that virtually prints money!*

I call my secret "The System of the Century." If you've never played the horses before (in fact, if you've never even been to a race track!), you'll be astounded at the simplicity of this logical, common-sense way to pick winners that return \$10, \$20, and even \$50 bills for a mere \$2 wager.

The system consists of four simple rules . . . four rules you can read and memorize in just *one hour* at home. One of these rules — Rule No. 4 — is so elementary that you can go to any race track with an infield turf (grass) course and start writing your own checks tomorrow as though you'd been a track pro for twenty years!

Of course, if you're a regular horseplayer, "The System of the Century" will have even greater appeal. How many times have you spent *hours* pouring over a single race, doping out every detail, figuring every angle . . . only to find that the horse you picked to begin with — and decided against for some reason even you can't remember — romped home an easy winner? (And paid a whopping \$60!) Or how about the time your brother-in-law talked you off that horse you knew would win — and did!

But I'm not here to change anybody's mind or re-open old wounds. What I'm here to do is to tell you about a method, a *technique* that is so *ridiculously easy to understand* . . . a system that will put so much money in your pocket . . . you'll wonder where it's been all these years.

Where has "The System of the Century" been all this time? The answer: In my head. I've been in racing all my life, and in that time I've had good years and lean years. Over the years I have become progressively better at what I do: *win money at the races.* (Last year it made over \$500,000 for me — yes, over a half-a-million bucks — and I'm only 33 years old!)

One night, when I was bored watching TV, I sat and wrote down on a piece of paper the things that I consider to be *critically important* during the running of a horse race. Would you believe it? I came up with only *four* things — and all so simple a twelve-year-old can master them in under sixty minutes!

That's how "The System of the Century" was born. And I decided right then and there to make the system available to anyone with a "will to win" — with an *honest interest* in getting ahead.

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Could anything be fairer?

You owe it to yourself to find out about "the machine that prints money." I'm Mike Warren . . . I'm well-known in racing circles . . . and I say it's so.

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VALENTINE AND FLAIR

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fellow will hobble for the rest of his life. Well, he'll soon have company. He'll soon have a whole lot of company."

"Get the waiter here!" Flair interrupts. "Where the hell is that ugly moron? I can't believe this place. They charge \$8.50 for Lobster Newburg and then have the gall to put in crayfish instead of lobster. I want lobster!"

The waiter rushed to the table. With a sneer on his lips, Flair threw the dish

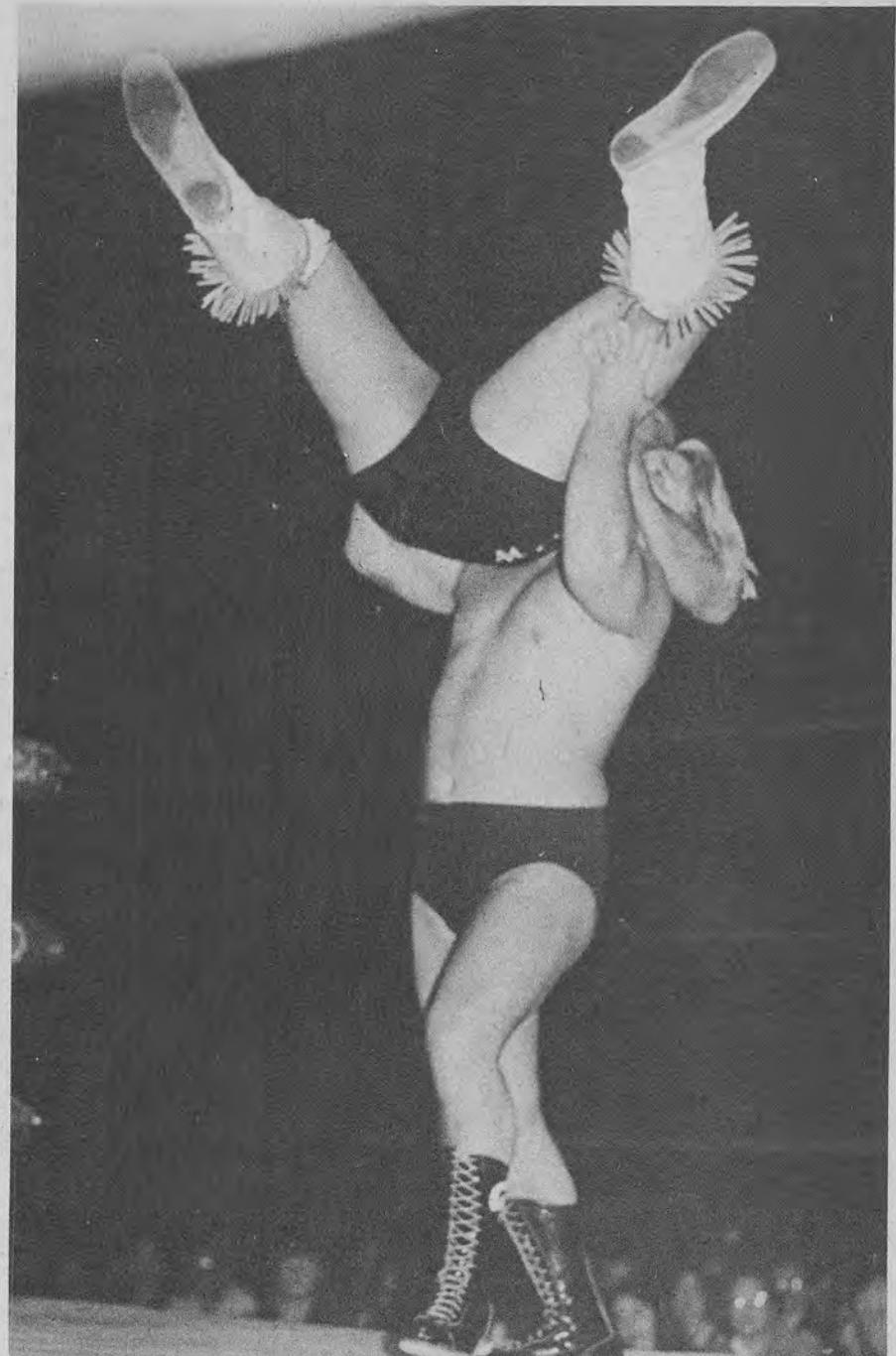


Both Flair and Valentine give Wahoo McDaniel a taste of their vicious kind of tactics (above), doubleteaming the beloved grappler and kicking him in the midsection. Greg Valentine lifts Wahoo McDaniel high into the air (right).

onto the waiter's jacket. Of course, we soon found ourselves out on the street. It used to be the restaurant frequented most by the staff of this magazine. None of us will ever be welcome there again. At least none of our party got arrested.

Flair and Valentine were delighted by this event. Humiliating an innocent person is wonderful sport for them. Not as much fun as crippling an athlete for life, but that opportunity doesn't always present itself. In a restaurant, just cause as much trouble as possible.

Once on the street, the ugliness of Flair and Valentine is provided with more targets. A young boy with his



arm in a cast walks by them. It is obviously a new cast and the lad is still suffering from fear of what might happen. Immediately, Valentine's arm goes limp by his side.

"When I was young," he shouts so the boy can hear, "I broke my arm playing. The doctor said it would heal perfectly. I haven't been able to move it since. Crippled for life. Just from a broken arm."

As the young boy walks away, he's visibly shaking. When he gets out of sight, Valentine and Flair laugh uproariously. It's their way of having a good time.

We then go to a tavern, hoping to

finish the interview there. Once seated, a pathetic old man walks up to them. Life has beaten him down until hope no longer exists. All he can want is a brief moment of companionship with those who are successful. Flair and Valentine radiate success. To share their space, he humbly requests an autograph.

"We don't sign anything for smelly old men!" Flair snorts. "Why don't you do something useful, like fall on a puddle so other people won't get wet."

Some men would get angry, some would lash out with fists flying, some would spit in Flair's face. But Ric

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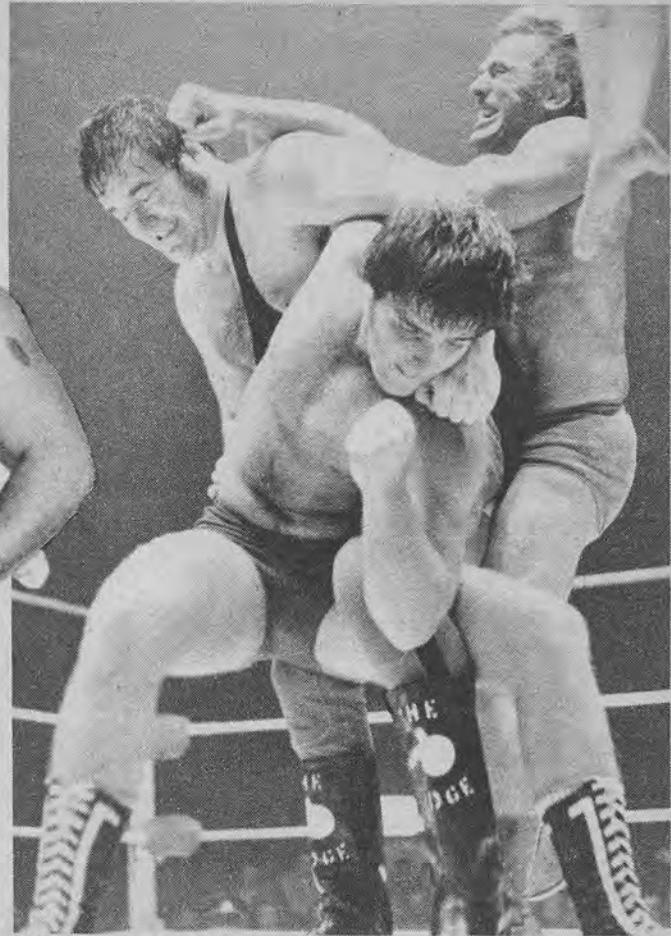
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Two magnificently proportioned athletes, Edouard Carpentier and Raymond Rougeau (left), make a great tag team of scientific wrestlers. However, when a man uses illegal tactics, like Michel Dubois when he snuck up on Rougeau, Carpentier will bend the rules to save his ensnared young partner (above).

**CARPENTIER
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DYNAMITE!

IT'S AS IF the gods of Olympus once more decided to use mortals for their sport. There can be no other way to describe the breathtaking charisma of Edouard Carpentier and Raymond Rougeau, a new tag team destined to battle its way to wrestling legend.

It would be hard to find two more perfectly proportioned athletes than Edouard and Raymond. Each man's simplest movement exudes power and agility. Together, they seem to

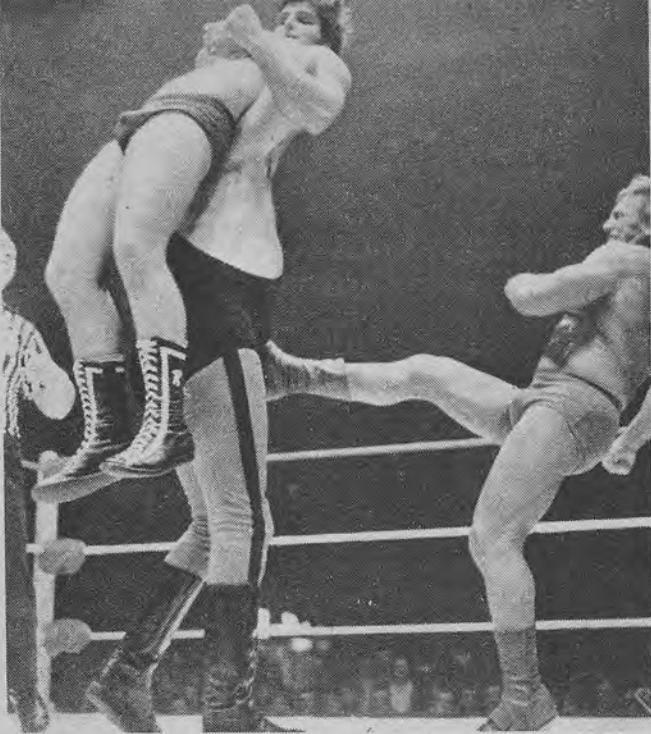
dwarf the abilities of all who oppose them.

It seemed natural for these two to seek each other out. They work so perfectly together. Actually, neither man wanted to team with the other in the beginning.

"When the promoters first approached me with the idea of teaming with Raymond," Edouard admits, "I was against the idea. I admired him for a long time and thought he was an excellent, superb

young athlete. However, I didn't think his teaming with me would help him.

"When one enjoys the kind of reputation I have, for which I'm very grateful, it can become a burden to a tag team partner. I was afraid Raymond, being younger, would become overshadowed by me. I've seen it happen before. I didn't want it to happen to a man as remarkable as Raymond. My fame gives me a responsibility to protect other



Above left: An enraged Carpentier attacks an opponent who is torturing Raymond in a backbreaker. Above right: Edouard leaps high in the air to come crashing down upon his helpless opponent.

Through the years Edouard Carpentier has teamed with some of the all time greats of wrestling. Now, in young Raymond Rougeau, he has found his perfect partner

wrestlers."

Raymond also worried about teaming with a man who is a legend throughout the world.

"There's only one Edouard Carpentier!" Raymond exclaims. "A man with that much ability deserves a great deal from his partner, not the least of which is a great deal of experience. I didn't think I deserved a man of Carpentier's greatness.

"It looked like we'd never get together, which at that time was fine with both of us, until the promoter forced us to meet once. Edouard told me his fears about overshadowing my contribution to the team. And I told him I thought I wasn't good enough to be his partner.

"Well, Edouard told me I had more than enough skill to be his partner. And I explained that being his partner would be so great an honor it would overrule any other consideration.

"There's no other reason then," Edouard replied, "why we shouldn't be partners!"

"And that moment," Raymond concludes, "was the happiest of my career!"

So the two began to train in earnest. They'd meet daily in the

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After the match has become a brawl, Carpentier and Rougeau show they still retain their skill and graceful movements, as a trapped Gilles Poisson learns. It's something Gilles won't quickly forget! The brilliant leapfrog maneuver has been perfected by this team!

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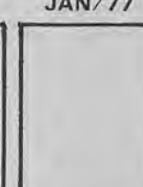
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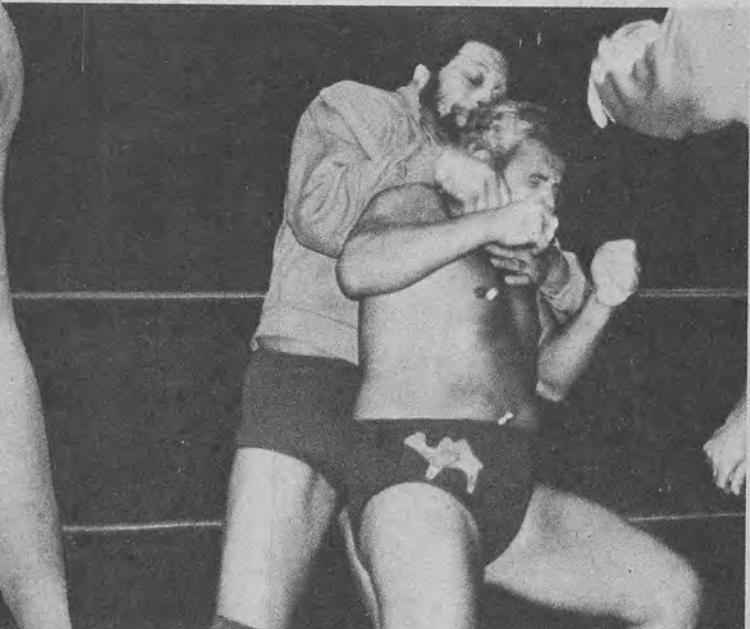
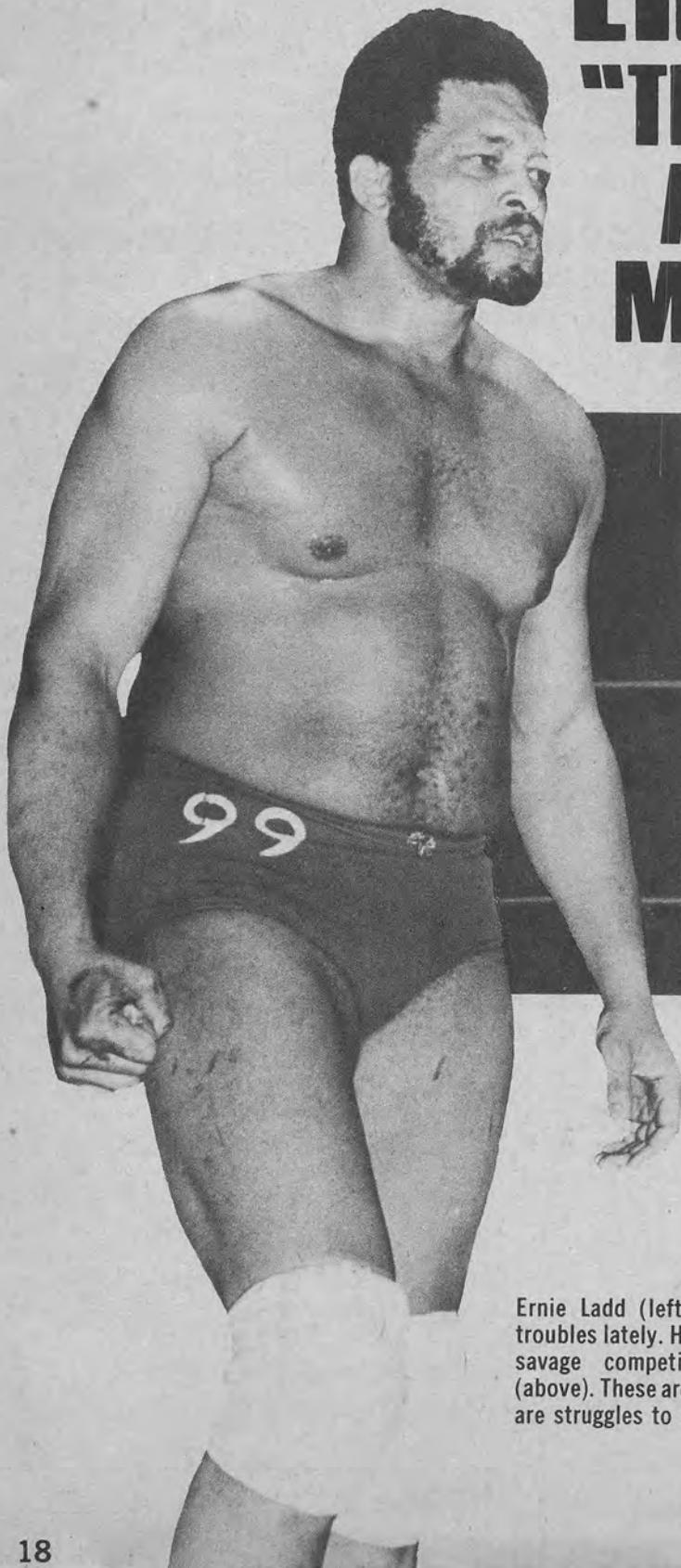
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ERNIE LADD: "THE PROMOTERS ARE MAKING ME A KILLER!"



Ernie Ladd (left) is having his troubles lately. He has faced such savage competition as Sheik (above). These are not bouts; they are struggles to survive!

ON A MORNING most people began in the ordinary way, Ernie Ladd woke up trembling. Many times during the night Ladd had been awakened by a horrible nightmare. The faces and places kept changing, but the conclusion remained the same. Lying on the canvas, the victim of Ladd's brutality, was a dead wrestler.

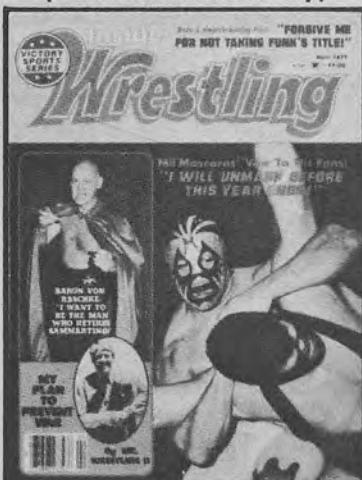
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THE CHAMPIONS OF TODAY PICK THE CHAMPIONS OF TOMORROW

IT IS A champion's job to study the competition. No one knows better who poses a potential threat to his title. His judgement about an opponent's capabilities allows him to keep his championship. When it comes to the future, a champion possesses the most respected opinion.

Therefore, it was natural for us to ask the sport's most prominent champions their opinions on who will be the mat kings of the future. At first, we only expected the champions would name someone. Surprisingly, each man insisted on explaining why he chose a certain grappler as tomorrow's star. The replies are some of the most revealing descriptions of wrestling ever printed. Every fan can learn a great deal from series of reports.

Some of the choices are predictable. Others are sure to startle you. None of the choices were made without a great deal of thought, as the explanations prove. Each champion has too much respect for the sport to take this matter lightly. As Jack Brisco wrote in an accompanying letter, "We are all part of wrestling from time immemorial to the distant future. Each feels a real stake in who comes after him. The future of wrestling is our future, even if we've retired. So every claim we make effects us personally. Talk of the future is the most important topic of all!"

The others felt the same way, although Brisco proved to be the most conscientious of all. Jack chose a man he dislikes intensely. To put aside personal feelings in this way is one indication of why Brisco is a champion among champions.

Interestingly enough, none of the champions put a time limit on their predictions. Each hesitated to consider the time when he would no longer be top man. The hardest thing for an athlete to do is contemplate his own mortality. It's

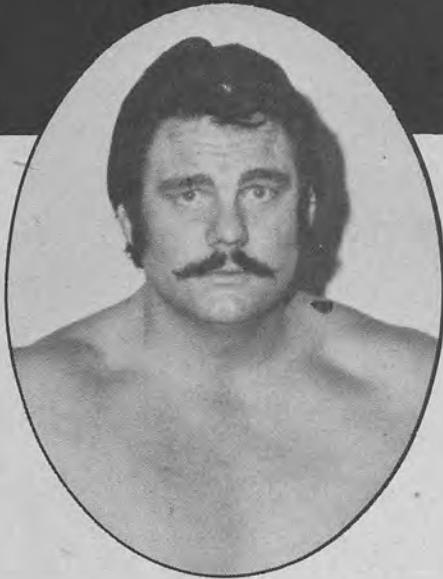
to their credit they even acknowledge a time when they would no longer hold their titles.

A few of the champions wanted to mention more than one person as a possible future titleholder. As asked them to restrict their choices to one

single man. They complied, but requested this feature be run again so other names will be included. Look in this magazine for a sequel to this article.

However, we must warn the
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BY BLACKJACK MULLIGAN, UNITED STATES CHAMPION

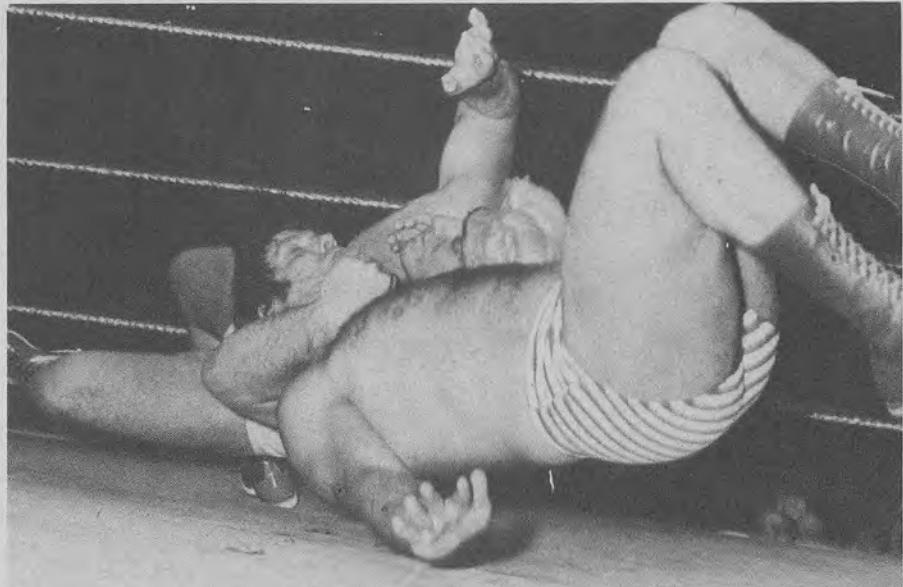


WHEN I FIRST came up, competition was ferocious. There were a lot of top athletes competing for a few places. It was dog-eat-dog, survival of the fittest. Today, the rookies are a group of babies who can barely find the arena, much less defend themselves. Only one man can make champion as far as I'm concerned. Of course, we're talking about Ric Flair.

I like everything about Flair. You won't see him wasting time with being a nice guy. Flair knows winning is the only thing. All that matters is chalking up that victory next to your name. Nobody can stop you from getting to the top because they don't like your tactics. No one is stopping Flair.

Watch the man in the ring. He knows what he's doing. Most of the other young guys look like horses in a burning stable. Clowns, fools, slobs, and cretins. That's the future of wrestling? Flair will dominate for years because no one can challenge him. Ric will have to wrestle handicap matches to get an excitement in the sport. Once the top veterans retire, wrestling will be all Flair's.

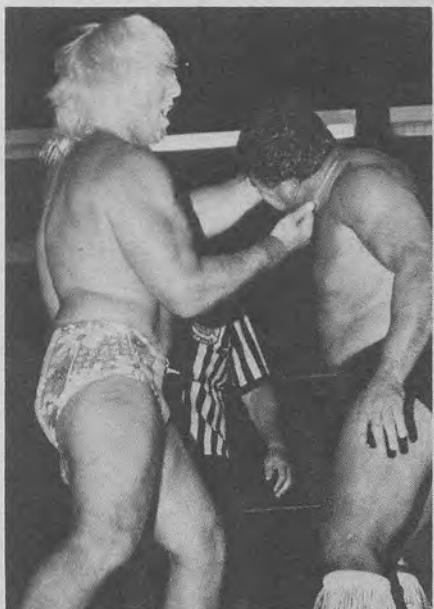
As far as I'm concerned, when I retire from wrestling, the entire sport will be finished. There are maybe, being generous, five decent guys left. As I said before, Flair is the only up-and-coming guy among them. The rest are veterans who came up with me. We are one tough



"When you talk about scientific skill, you talk about Ric Flair. There is no way this expert mat tactitian can miss the boat as far as a major title is concerned."

group. Those who followed weren't fit to lick our boots.

Ric Flair will be the next superstar champion. It won't be much of an accomplishment. □



BY BRUNO SAMMARTINO, WWWF CHAMPION



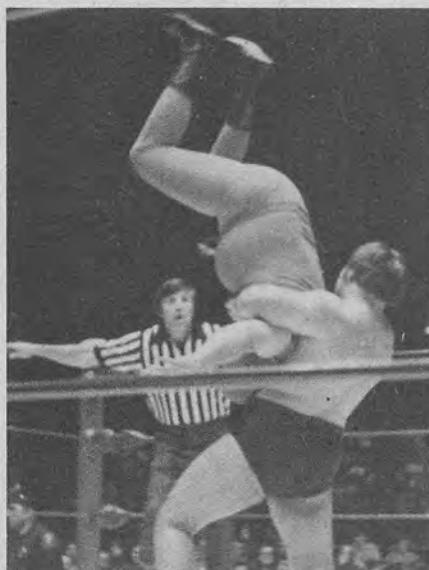
I THINK I'M pretty safe in saying Larry Zbyszko will someday be a world champion. The raw ability is already there. Only experience is needed to make him a top contender.

The most important reason why I believe Zbyszko will someday rule wrestling is the boy's determination and desire. Wrestling is a demanding sport. Dedication often marks the difference between winning and losing. I can name 50 men I've seen come and go because they didn't have the mental discipline. There are a lot of temptations thrown in a wrestler's path. Those who give in to them are doomed.

When Larry first came to me for advice on being a professional wrestler, I told him about the hardships involved. It didn't faze him in the least. Let me tell you, that boy was ready to make any sacrifice for a wrestling career. That's when I knew he had the stuff to be champion.

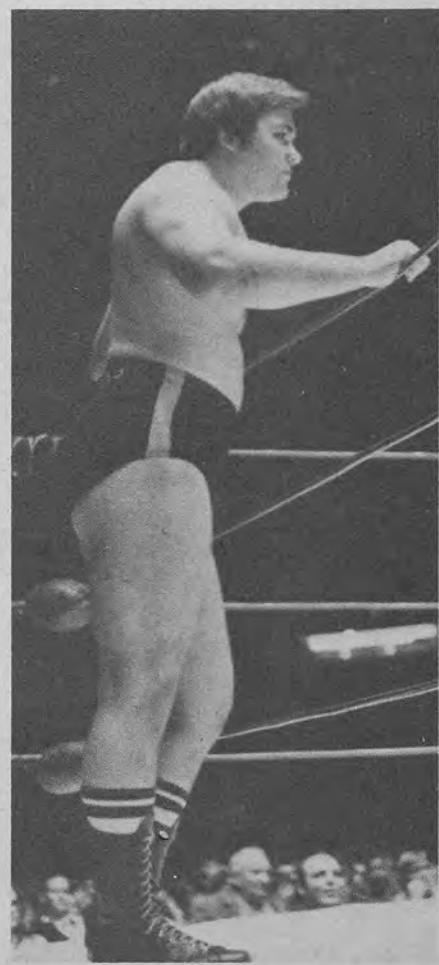
Of course, all the desire in the world can't make a non-athlete champion. It takes strength, coordination, speed, agility, intelligence, and knowledge. Larry possesses all of this. When the young man trains in the gymnasium, other athletes stop what they're doing and admire his maneuvers. Larry has only to see a move once to analyze and attempt it. He's a giant sponge absorbing

"I sincerely feel that Larry has the qualities to be a world champion. These qualities must be developed to their fullest before he can wear the belt. But when he is ready for the title shot, Larry Zbyszko will take the belt—on his first attempt—and bring honor to the championship."



wrestling techniques. This is the most exciting time for a wrestler. I envy him.

If forced to make a prediction, I'd say Larry will win his first title before 1980. It will be an exciting championship to watch, as Zbyszko will continue to grow in this capacity. I don't think he'll peak as a wrestler until 1986 or later. Then, he will be as good as anyone in the sport ever was. □



BY DORY FUNK JR., AMERICAS CHAMPION



ALTHOUGH THE NWA title is no longer his, Terry Funk will once again be a world champion. I say this not because he's my brother but because it's the truth.

Anyone who says Terry won't recover from losing the title is an idiot. One match (in which he didn't really surrender, but that's another story) doesn't destroy a career. He still has all the ability which earned him the title, then let him defend it against the best in the world.

There are guys who fall apart after losing a big battle. Terry is

made of stronger stuff. I've seen him when the world had him by the throat. The world wasn't strong enough to choke him. No one can tell me a man like that can't recover from losing a title.

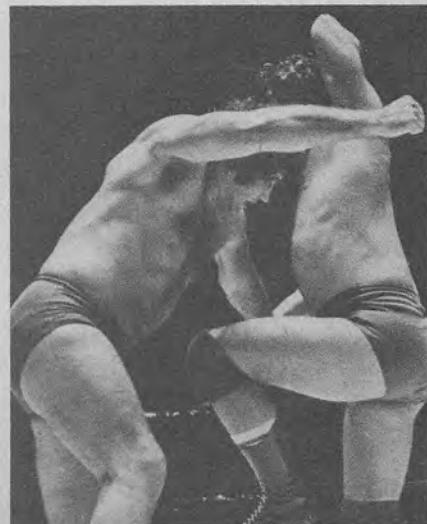
Look at the current crop of wrestlers today. Not a single one of them comes close to Terry in skill, strength, speed, or intelligence. And none of them wants to win like my brother does. Some guys are born with the need to be number one. Terry's one of those. No power on earth can stop him, either.

I see Terry getting the title back before December. Race couldn't hold on the NWA belt the first time he had it. This time won't be any different. The first chance Terry gets to win the belt, he'll succeed. There's no doubt in my mind.

The second reign of Terry Funk will last a long, long time. There's only one man wrestling who could threaten that. Luckily for Terry, I don't want the title. It's just nice to have it in the family. □



"My brother is a fine human being and even more so, a great wrestler. Terry has all it takes to bring him to the top again. His loss to Race was a fluke."



BY HARLEY RACE, NWA CHAMPION



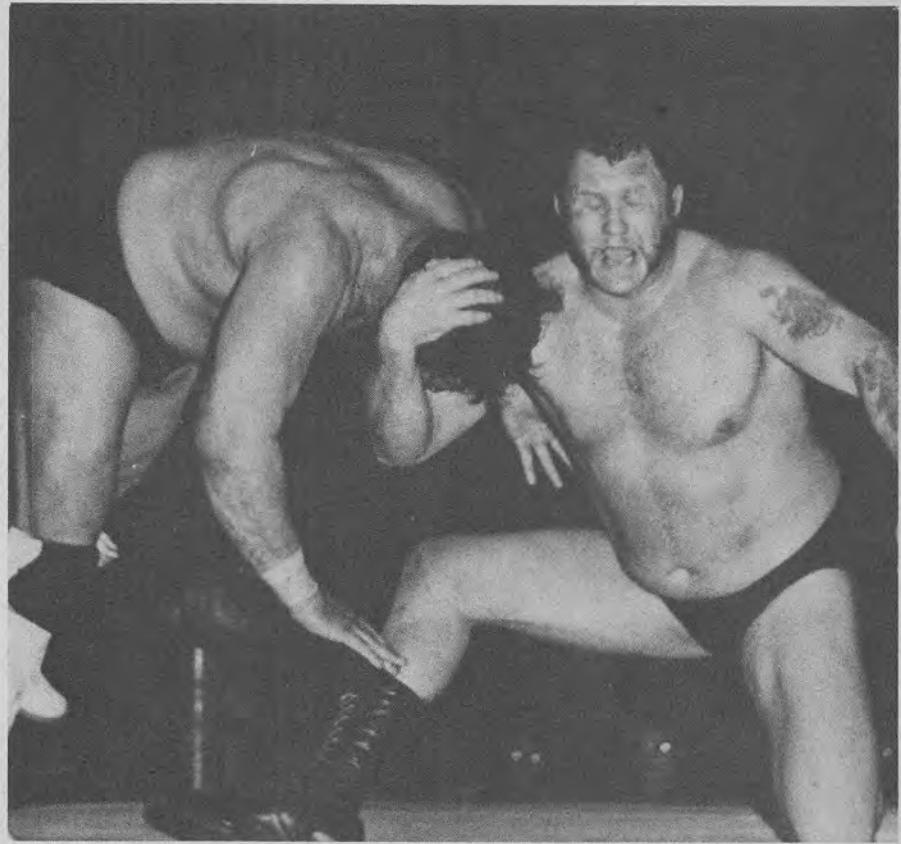
AS FAR AS the future is concerned, there's me and nobody else. The glory of the future is mine, all mine. There's no one in my class.

I'm going to rule the wrestling profession longer than any of those yo-yos will last. I'll see them all come and go, contenders for a title they can never hope to win. No one wrestling today will ever take my title.

I'm an excellent judge of wrestling ability. I'd better be. After examining the young men of today, checking out their potential as possible contenders, I see no one of any consequence. They're all soft and stupid. When I came up, there were athletes. The business was rough and only the strong survived. Today, with these powderpuff personalities, anyone can get himself in the ratings. It's pathetic seeing some of the clowns trying to pass themselves off as wrestlers. As future champions? You've got to be kidding.

When I leave wrestling—in maybe 30 years—there will be a void no wrestler could fill. Right now, I'm the best thing that ever happened to the sport. Hopefully, I'll be able to undo the damage caused by the championships of Jack Brisco (incompetent) and Terry Funk (disgraceful). That's a big order, but I'm a very big man.

When I retire, so will wrestling. The fans won't bother to see the jetsam and flotsam that will pass



"Take your time and gaze at these magnificent photographs depicting some of the greatest maneuvers ever seen on the face of this earth. And only I can show how to execute these tactics. I am the only true champion. There can be no other champion—ever. I am the king. I am supreme!"

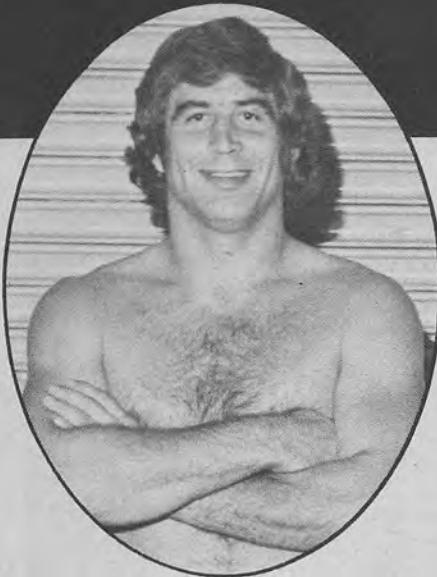


themselves off as wrestlers. Having seen the best, why should they bother?

I am the future. After me there will be nothing of importance. Count on it. There will be no champions after I retire. There will be no wrestling once I'm gone. □



BY JACK BRISCO MISSOURI STATE CHAMPION



THERE'S NO RULE saying you must like the men you respect. Though I don't like Bob Backlund, he is going to be a future champion.

Backlund has all the tools to be a champion. Power, agility, and intelligence are his to command. He hasn't come close to reaching his potential, and already he's a leading contender. When his skills peak, there'll be few who can remain in the ring with him.

In five years, there will be no equal to Backlund in grace. Today, he moves with a fluidity astonishing for one so young. He is so sure of himself, so in control of his actions. Watch him confound an opponent with the apparent ease of his actions. That "ease" took years of backbreaking labor to perfect. No one is born great, only with the potential to be great. Backlund is developing his natural gifts to their limit. That should make him equal to any man in the sport.

If my experience is any criterium, Backlund won't be a valuable tag team partner. He doesn't work well with people. He's one of those athletes who functions better on his own. He expects everyone to anticipate his strategies. He knows what's happening, so why not everyone else? His execution is perfect. Unfortunately, it leaves his partner trapped in confusion. That's what started our quarrel. Others will follow.

Still, Bob is a brilliant strategist when on his own. The complexity of



"As a person, I do not care for that kid Backlund one bit. But I must give credit where credit is due. Bob Backlund is a fine wrestler and I can see him winning a major title sometime next year."

his strategies is incredible for one so young. It's staggering to imagine what he'll be able to do in the future.

I don't like Bob Backlund. That won't stop him from being champion. □



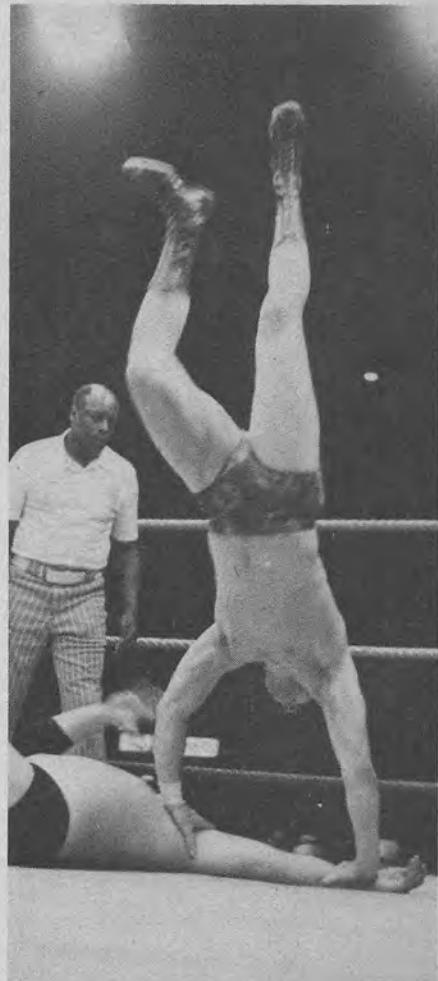


BY NICK BOCKWINKLE, AWA CHAMPION

manager Bobby Heenan. Bobby keeps the cheating down to a minimum, so I can function with some degree of ability. Still, the referees keep hampering my every move. I've needed twice as much skill as anyone else to keep my title. Gagne's not a bad wrestler, add the referee's help, and that's trouble. If I was any less great, I'd be ex-champion.

Without the corrupt officials, Gagne could possibly work up to main event status in about 15 years. Of course, he'd have to have the proper management, a man like Heenan. His father may have been the most extraordinarily lucky athlete in history, but he's no manager. Greg is growing up ignorant. What he doesn't know could cost a championship.

Still, once everyone is paid off, Gagne will win the title. I'll do my best, for the good of the sport, to prevent this. However, I won't stoop to their level of bribes (besides, I couldn't match Gagne's fortune). Gagne will win the belt. It is inevitable. It will also be a disgrace. □

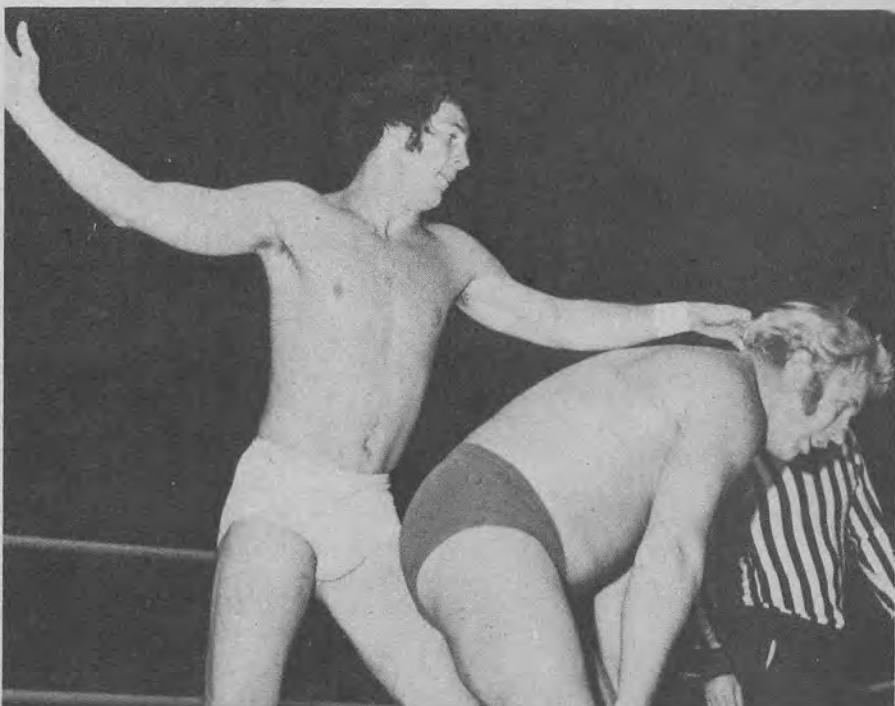
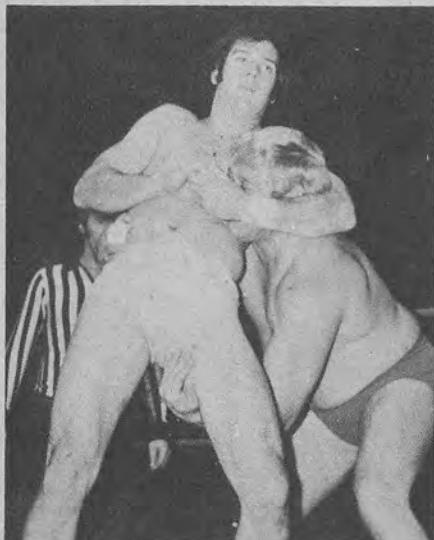


WITH EVERY REFEREE in his old man's hip pocket, you can bet Greg Gagne will someday be AWA champion. There's nothing money can't buy, and referees come cheap.

I've been seeing it happen for years. Everyone has. Verne meets the official before the match. They part company, both men smiling. Son Greg wins the match because his opponent was handcuffed by the referee. Later that night, the referee buys drinks for one and all. I've seen it at least 100 times.

As I figure it, Greg will have my title within two years. The only reason he hasn't got it yet is my

"As you can see, my friends, Greg Gagne uses nothing but illegal tactics during his matches and the referees just stand by and let him do what he pleases. I would do that too if I was paid off!"



BY SUPERSTAR GRAHAM FLORIDA CHAMPION



NO DOUBT ABOUT IT. When the time is ripe, the hour golden, and all is right with the world, Steve Strong will ascend to the world championship. It will be so.

Strong is successful because he knows who to admire. I'm the man's idol. Of course, there are thousands of athletes who bow before me. Greatness demands subservience. Yet, of all those who know I'm perfect, only Steve has the capabilities to do something with this knowledge.

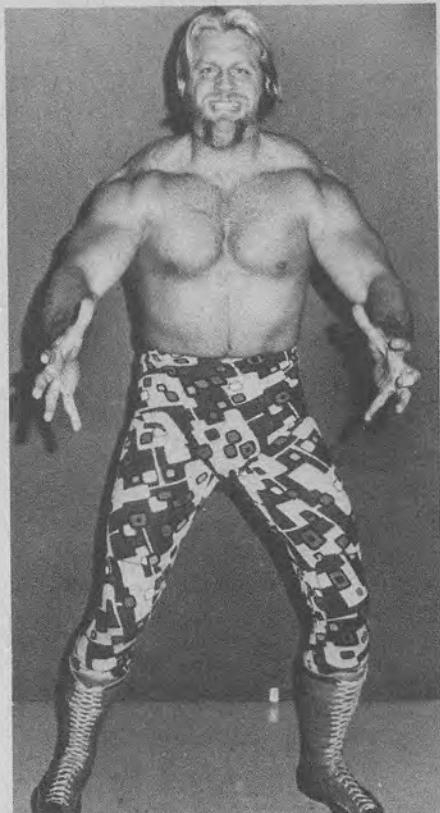
Steve is easily one of the strongest men in wrestling. His muscles bulge with authority and power. He can move with an agility rare in muscular men. And when he moves, no motion is wasted. There is a purpose for every action. That's



the sign of a professional and a future champion.

Steve is one of the few young wrestlers worth watching. The rest are a bunch of stumbling fools not fit to earn their livings as professional athletes. Why, when I was their age . . . but I'm talking about Steve, a man of great promise.

What I like best about Strong is his determination to win at any price. A lot of young guys come into the sport with their brains filled with nonsense about being scientific wrestlers. This means they lose a whole lot more than they win. This is stupid. Steve is not stupid. He knows mercy is something for clergymen, not athletes. All Steve cares for is victory. He doesn't care what the fans think, either. He knows most fans don't think at all. □



"Steve Strong was trained by the great me, daddy! I taught him all he knows. He will reward me by taking the title just to show me I am the best teacher in the world."



THE 10 SEXIES MEN IN WRESTLING

ATHLETES HAVE ALWAYS found themselves admired by the opposite sex. It's not surprising; their bodies are blessed with strength and grace. They are nature's physical miracles and appreciated for their natural beauty.

To discover the sexiest of the sexiest, we polled thousands of women from all over the world. The only requirement needed to be counted was to be at a wrestling arena when our pollsters

questioned the crowd. We asked women of every race, religion, and creed to name the grappler sexiest to them. We got over 200 names. Different men appeal to different women.

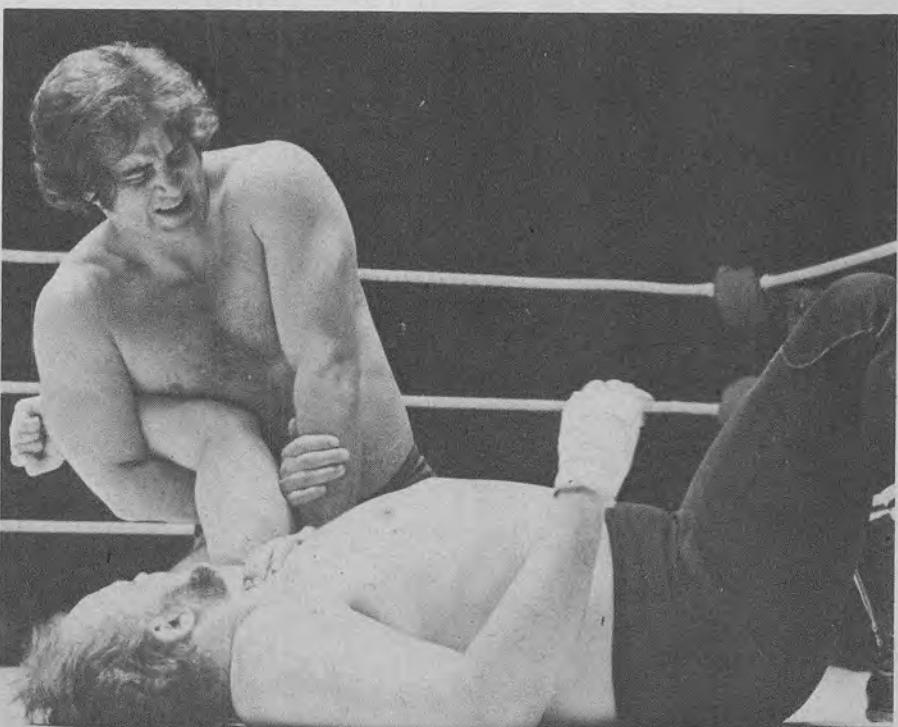
However, certain names appeared more often than others. There are about 50 grapplers renowned for their good looks. The voting was very close and there were times when all 50 men were in the top ten. However, when we closed the poll, the

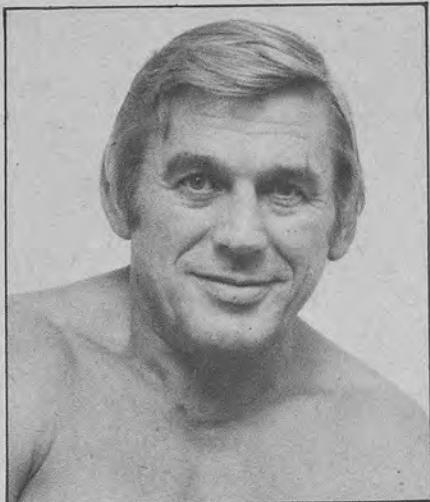
following 10 men headed the list. If you don't agree with the choices, you have no one to blame but yourselves.

The top 10 men, not listed in any order: Mil Mascaras, Dino Bravo, Bob Backlund, Andre the Giant, Ric Flair, Tony Garea, Mike Graham, Jack Brisco, and Edouard Carpentier. The following pictorial essay will show why these men were named most often by the ladies who know. □

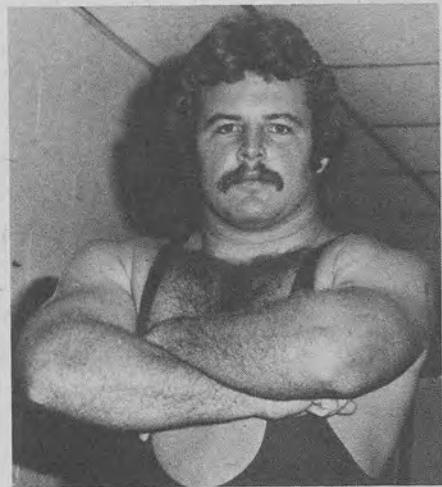
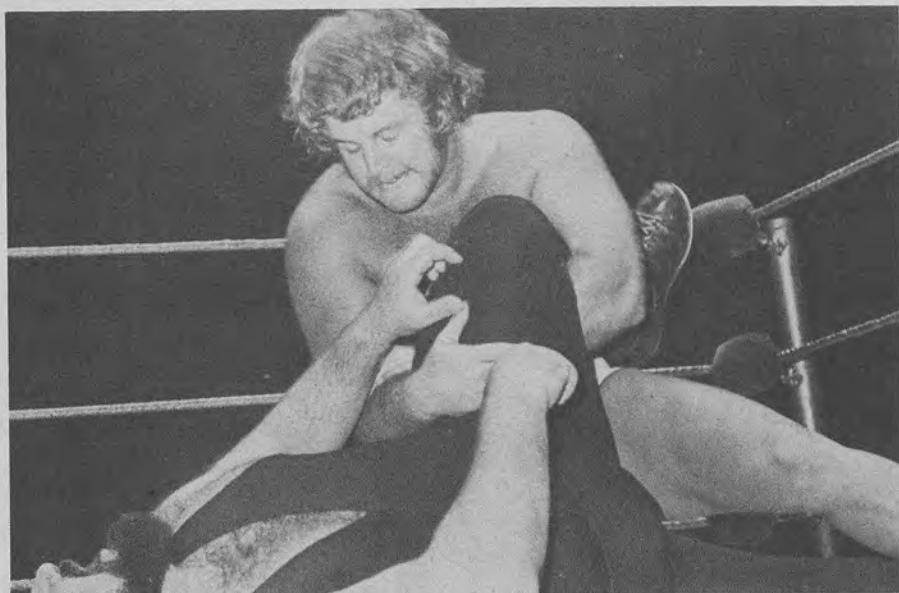


JACK BRISCO





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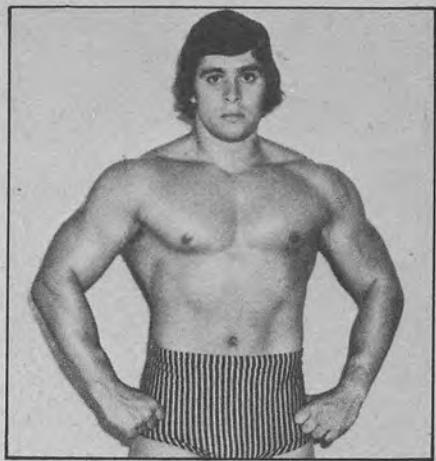
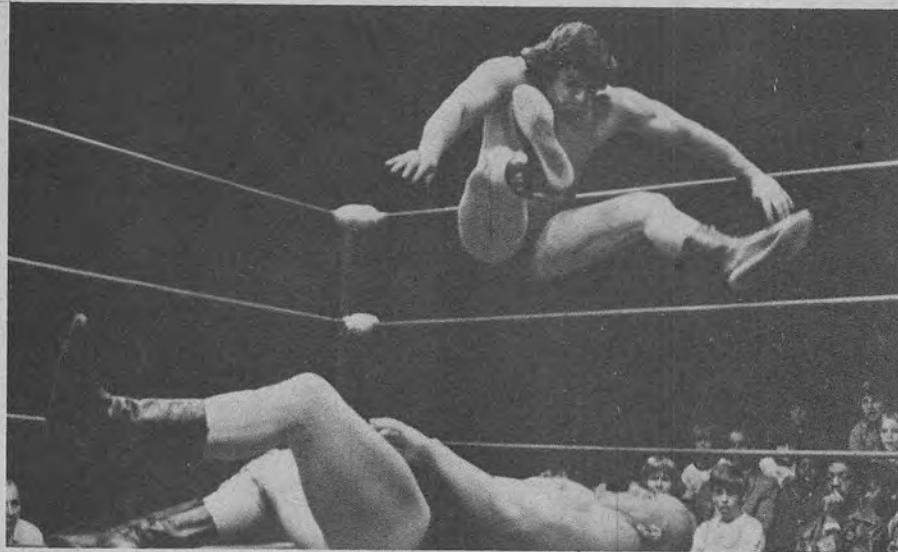


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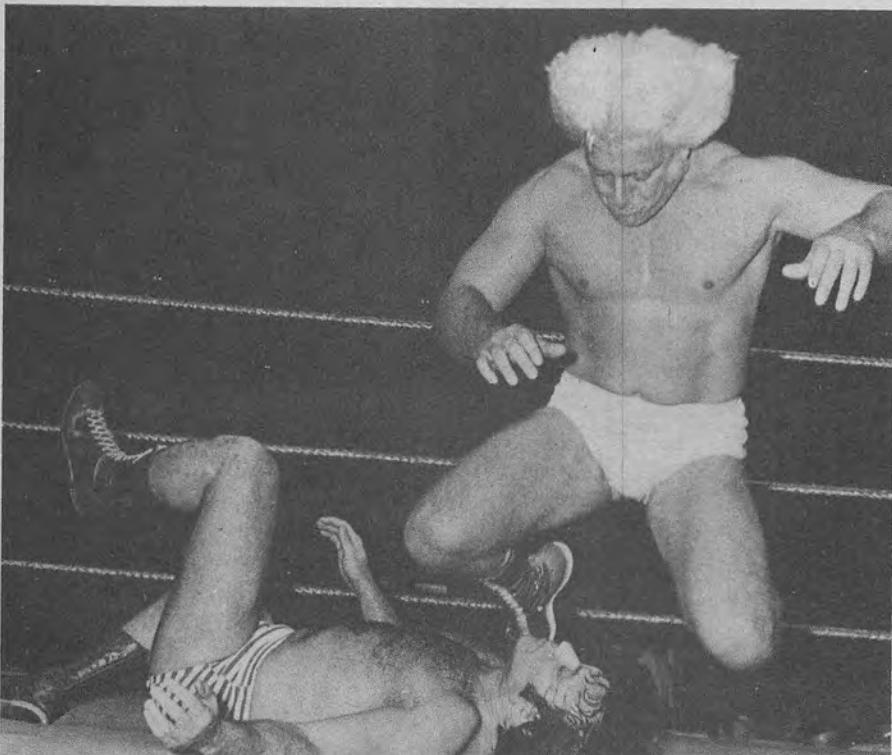




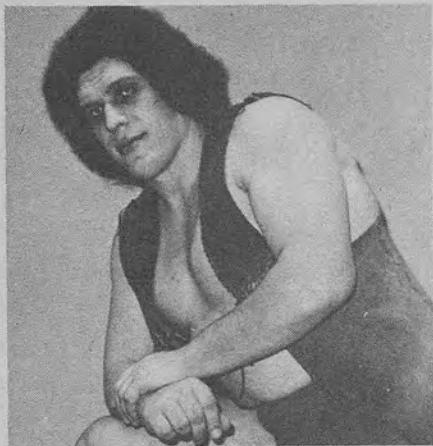
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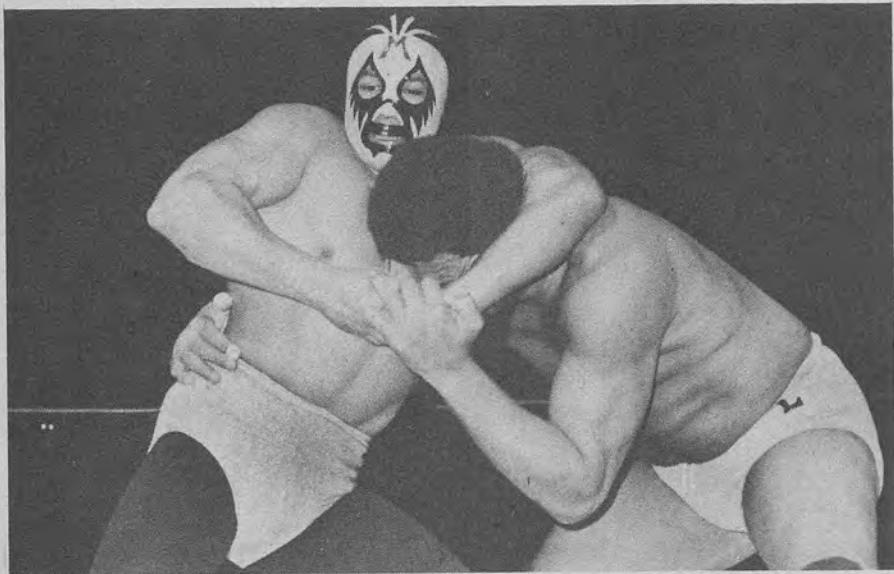
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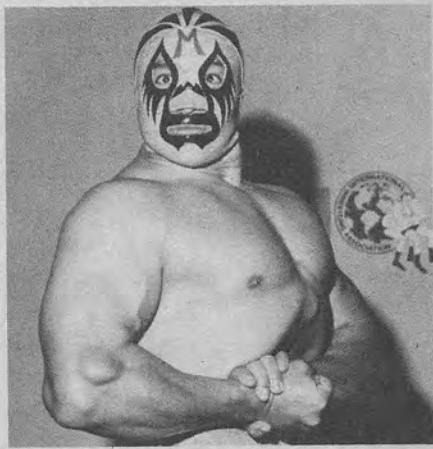
RIC FLAIR



ANDRE THE GIANT



MIL MASCARAS



BOB BACKLUND



RUMOR vs. FACT

Day after day, we receive letters asking if certain rumors are true. We hear other rumors in the dressing room, as wrestlers themselves wonder what is truth and what is slander. This column is dedicated to tearing away the falsehoods and revealing the truth, regardless of whom it may hurt.

RUMOR: BRUISER has decided to leave wrestling to devote more time to charities. He feels it is more important than grappling.

FACT: Bruiser has no intentions of leaving the sport. Besides, he knows being a public figure is invaluable for raising funds. The longer he stays in wrestling, the more effective Bruiser will be as a spokesman for his favorite philanthropies.



BRUISER



GREG VALENTINE



BOCKWINKLE AND HEENAN

RUMOR: Since he has signed a contract allowing BOBBY HEENAN to control his life, NICK BOCKWINKLE has been trapped by deep depression. He eats little, sleeps less, and has been heard discussing drastic measures as a means of escaping from Heenan's clutches.

FACT: It's doubtful anyone can get near enough to Bockwinkle to learn the man's private feelings. He has cut himself off entirely from the outside world. No one knows how Bockwinkle is taking recent developments. Everyone in the AWA seems to have heard a Nick Bockwinkle rumor. None of them can be substantiated.



ABDULLAH AND POLICE



VON RASCHKE VS. GAGNE



KEN PATERA



TERRY FUNK



BRUNO SAMMARTINO

RUMOR: For the past year, ABDULLAH THE BUTCHER has been legally insane. He lives in a mental institution and is only allowed out to wrestle. Committed by the commissioners, he can wrestle only when two orderlies and a doctor are in attendance. Twice after matches he has been taken from the arena in a straitjacket.

FACT: Two promoters did try to have Abdullah committed, but they failed. These same men have ordered special security be present for any Abdullah match, although there are no doctors or orderlies especially for the grappler. He has never been removed from an arena in a straitjacket.

RUMOR: BARON VON RASCHKE has a bionic arm! This accounts for the devastating effect of his clawhold. The mechanical device replaced his real arm long ago. This secret has finally been unearthed by the commissioners and will probably result in Von Raschke's eventual expulsion from wrestling.

FACT: This is nonsense. The rumor has been traced back to Von Raschke himself. He hopes to scare opponents into believing this. It would be a great psychological advantage to have foes think a man is about to be banned because he's so dangerous. Von Raschke's arm is flesh and blood.

RUMOR: The change in KEN PATERA from scientific to rulebreaking wrestler is due to the wrestler's desperate need for immediate cash. It's a matter of life and death whether or not he can raise \$75,000 in the next three months. Lou Albano, his manager, has promised him the needed money if he wrestles as Albano commands.

FACT: Patera is living like a man who doesn't have a care in the world, much less a desperate need for money. He doesn't save a cent, and he indulges every whim, spending money as if it were a crime to save. The only reason Patera changed styles was because he wanted, not needed, to do it.

RUMOR: TERRY FUNK strode into a restaurant where JACK BRISCO was dining. Upon seeing the NWA champ, Brisco sank beneath the table and stayed there until Funk had eaten and left, well over an hour. When Jack got up again, he was pale and shaken.

FACT: The incident never happened. Terry Funk is the one spreading the rumor. He will talk about it at great length, but he turns away when asked the name of the restaurant. If the name of the restaurant were known, the story could then be verified or disproved. Funk refuses to name the establishment.

RUMOR: BRUNO SAMMARTINO is going to retire from wrestling—and become a professional boxer! Sammartino is at this very moment training in the gym under the tutelage of a famous boxing trainer. Bruno will soon announce he is fighting MUHAMMAD ALI for the heavyweight boxing title.

FACT: Sammartino has no intention of quitting wrestling for boxing. Although Bruno was once a top amateur boxer, he feels it is more beneficial for him to remain at his first love—wrestling.



Salome, once champion of apartment wrestling, delights in twisting the lithe limbs of her victim, Gail. Though her hapless foe writhed desperately upon the carpet, Salome's powerful grip never faltered. More and more people will soon be allowed to witness this kind of fabulous spectacle.

THE TIME IS RIGHT. Apartment wrestling has expanded to the point where more and varied people should now be welcomed as spectators. The impresarios of America's most select spectacle want to contact the right people to join their circle of friends.

The decision to expand the audience came after long, heated discussion amongst those who control the sport. The group consisted of Dave Moll, apartment wrestling's originator, and friends from New York, Montreal, and Los Angeles; people concerned with the

For years, people from all walks of life have tried to gain entrance into apartment wrestling matches. Until now, their entreaties have fallen on deaf ears. Yet, a new era is beginning and the readers of this magazine are getting the first chance to witness an apartment match in the flesh!

HOW YOU CAN WITNESS AN APARTMENT WRE

sport since its inception. Although some were against it, the majority wanted to open the sport to the general public, a few at a time. Under no circumstances did anyone want to let in someone they knew nothing about.

Once the decision was reached, Moll contacted this magazine. As the only sports journal to report on this phenomenon from its beginnings, it seemed natural to choose the newcomers from our readership. Below, printed in full, is the statement given to us, written by those at the historic meeting:

"Due to the expanding interest in apartment wrestling, both in prospective participants and spectators, we wish to open the sport to a wider cross-section of people. Therefore, we ask the readers of your magazine to write us a letter of any length or content. It need not be about apartment wrestling. Any subject revealing the sensibility of the author is acceptable. We are looking for interesting people, not only people interested in apartment wrestling.

"We once hoped groups across the country could be organized. But

there were too many difficulties involved, from the site of the matches to the character of the participants to the intent of the spectators. Further, the time and expense involved to advise the new spectacles proved prohibitive. Therefore, the best way to expand our audience is to invite newcomers to our matches.

"In the past, one could witness an apartment bout only if directly asked by a member of our social circle. In other words, one had to be cosmopolitan to be invited. What we hope to do in the future is invite



Desdemona yanks at Tiffany's bra as the raven-haired heiress counters with a knee driven into her exquisite opponent's belly.

STLING MATCH!



Above: Leonora tries to break Denise's shapely leg! Left: Gail screams in agony from Kyla's brutality. Below: Kathy kicks out at Eloise.



people who find themselves in our cities due to either business or pleasure. The new spectators will be chosen by their letters.

"We wish to begin selecting new spectators as soon as possible. There is, of course, no deadline. We plan to choose people for years to come. Don't be discouraged if you hear no word from us for a long time. This promises to be a slow and arduous process. Some letters will be answered immediately, some in the next few months. Lastly, there will be no limit on the number of letters one can send. The more the

merrier, and greater the chance to interest us.

"We look forward to seeing over 200 readers of this magazine at our matches in the next few months."

There have been many reasons why the intelligentsia of these cities decided to expand the sport's horizons. They can best be illustrated by recounting the events of a recent match. A sophisticated lady in Los Angeles was renowned for wrestling with reckless ferocity. Her eyes would sparkle as her fist dug into an opponent's breast. Foes would find the tracks of her nails in

crimson slashes along flanks, back and face. Once, she even laughed as her powerful thighs scissor-locked an opponent's head.

It seems this girl is not a native of Los Angeles. Rather she is a native of Cleveland. This was discovered when she let out a small scream at seeing a new spectator, a man who knows her family and friends back home. What happened because of this accounted for a remarkable match.

The woman, Rebecca, had a tougher time with her past than with her opponent. Her old friend's

eyes gazing at every action made the woman struggle to escape the strictures of her childhood, beliefs she'd long thought shed. Every so often, her instinct for combat would explode and savagery ran rampant. Then, her eyes would see the family friend and the assault would stop. The tensions she experienced fascinated everyone. It was one of the most remarkable events ever witnessed!

What apartment wrestling lacked, the organizers realized, was the element of surprise. Although these were exquisite spectacles of erotica, too much control was being exercised. Everything went according to plan. The time had come for a return of spontaneity. The best way to do this was to expand the audience.

Another reason the impressarios want new spectators is their great respect for democratic principles. While fate and fortune has made them of the elite, they respect people from all walks of life. "If it weren't for fisherman," they often say, "there'd be no caviar." Apartment wrestling should be available to everyone who wishes to see it, not only the fortunate few who know someone who knows someone. The general public, through the insightful letters written to this magazine, has proven its discerning intelligence.

Kyla, a young woman who has figured prominently in two superb matches, often asked the organizers to expand the audience.

"One thing about these crowds," Kyla says, "is they're too quiet. I need to hear cheers. When I have a woman in my clutches, and the pressure becomes more intense, cheering would be great. The trouble with the crowds now is they're too used to watching tennis matches. I come from a football crowd where you yell your head off. When I wrestle, I want to hear the yelling. Different kinds of people will bring that into the sport. Let's get it more raucous, know what I mean?"

Not all the women feel as Kyla does. Salome, a woman who once held the now defunct championship, hopes the new members will

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Above: Cynara's face betrays her rage as she yanks Jenny's hair and drives a knee into the victim's full breast. Below left: Hester's strength makes Madge scream in piteous agony. Below right: Courtney is about to sink her teeth into Tara's exposed neck.



There comes a time in every man's life when something is done that can neither be helped nor forgiven. Andre the Giant knows this only too well. Both he and Jose Lothario wish there could be some way to change the past. Unhappily, that is as impossible as resuming their friendship



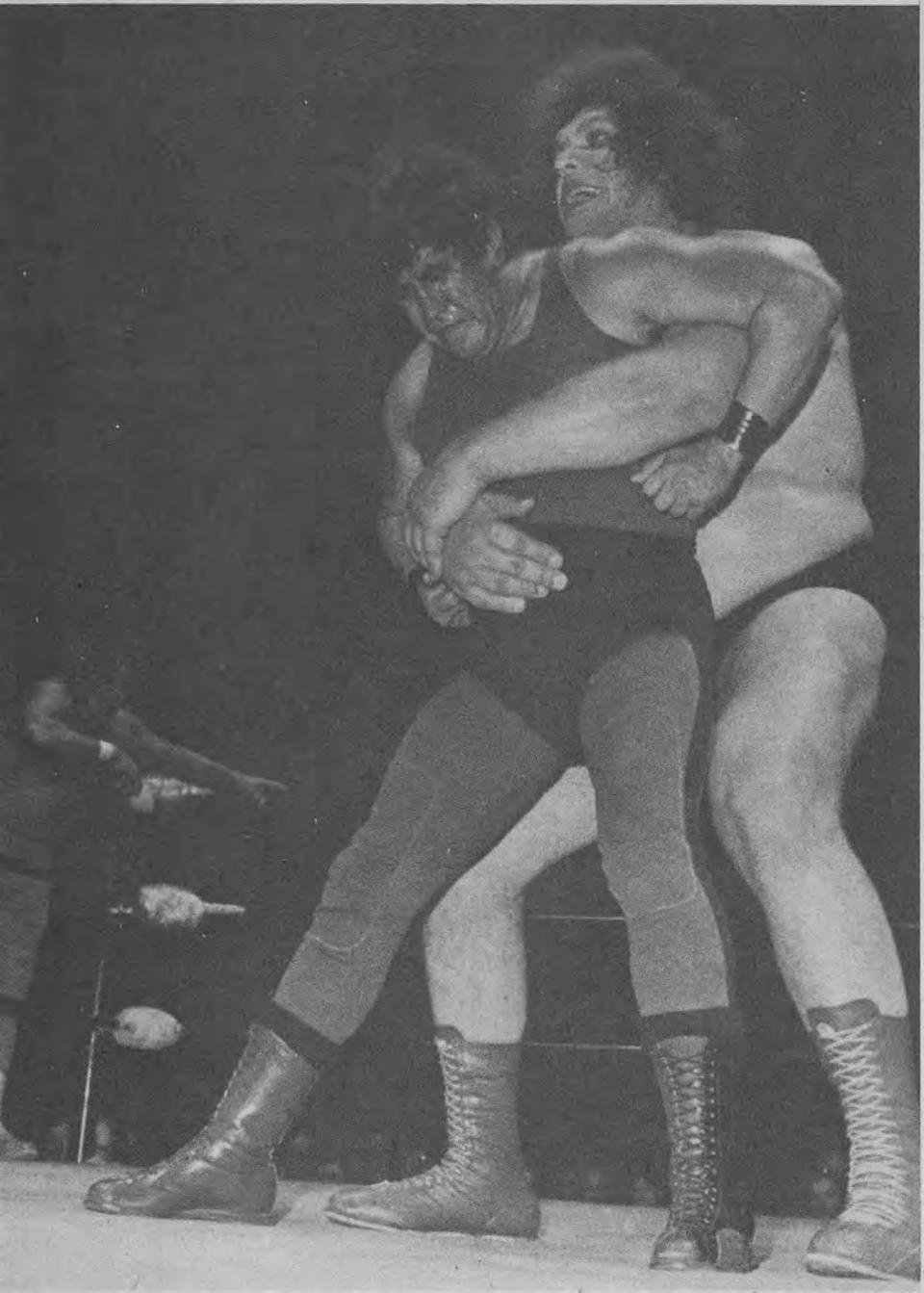
"I'LL NEVER TEAM WITH ANDRE THE GIANT AGAIN!"

A BOUT FIVE MINUTES into the match, Jose Lothario began to examine his nails. A yawn escaped his lips. He thought of errands that must be done the next day. There was nothing for him to do in this battle.

In the meantime, Andre the Giant waged a furious battle against Gordman and Goliath. Officially, Jose was Andre's partner. Officially, it was supposed to be a tag team match. Andre just seemed to forget. He didn't even look at Jose in the corner. Gordman and Goliath would be conquered by Andre alone.

It wasn't an intentional snub on Andre's part. Once the brawl started, and the adrenaline flowed, the giant wanted to battle. A veteran of so many handicap matches, it was unnatural for him to consider a partner in his corner. If something had to be done, Andre naturally did it himself. Some men aren't born to be team players.

Many people thought Andre the Giant and Jose Lothario (above) would make the perfect tag team. However, the theory did not become a reality. Andre tried to dominate most of the action. This caused Lothario to vow to never again team with Andre the Giant!



Above: Andre the Giant has Black Gordman in a bearhug, while Jose Lothario stands outside the ring, unable to do anything. **Top right:** Though Andre has control over Goliath, Jose wants to help his partner out. He implores the Giant to tag him and let him enter the battle!

When Andre seemed to be in trouble late in the match, Jose reached out to him, shouting to be tagged. Andre ignored him. Tagging out wasn't a natural option for the giant. Though he heard the words, in the heat of battle, they didn't register. It looked like Andre was purposely ignoring his partner. Jose knew that wasn't the reason. He also knew what it looked like to the fans. The proud grappler burned with humiliation.

Andre succeeded in escaping

from this tough dilemma on his own. He was so successful, Gordman and Goliath purposely got themselves disqualified to end the ordeal. As the two losers went back to the dressing room, Andre raised his arm in victory.

Then, his smile froze. A chill ran down his spine as he realized what this unconscious action had appeared to mean. It looked as if Andre had taken all the credit and insulted his partner. If the truth be told, Andre deserved all the credit.



That hurt Lothario even more. Andre turned to his partner only to see him staring into the crowd. Jose then left the arena. Andre slowly followed.

Jose may have wrestled three minutes in the entire battle. He had started the match. Things had quickly turned into a brawl. The proper move was to tag Andre. Jose did. That was the last Jose saw of action.

In the dressing room, Jose didn't say a word. Andre tried to apologize. Jose cut him short.

"I make it a practice," Jose said through clenched teeth, "never to talk when I'm angry. I'm angry. I won't say anything else. Follow my example."

The two men dressed in silence. They had planned to go out to dinner after the match. Neither one bothered bringing that subject up. The last thing either wanted was Jose with a knife in his hand staring across a table at Andre. The two men went their separate ways.

Andre had dinner with a few reporters. Anxious to remedy the situation, he kept making excuses for the evening and praising Lothario's abilities. He must have said 100 times, "Jose is the greatest. It was an accident I didn't tag him. An accident." It wasn't a pleasant dinner for anyone.

Wherever Jose went, it was
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Spotlight On: THE NWA

National Wrestling Alliance Official Rules

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Since rules vary from state to state, and each style of wrestling has its own peculiar rules, it is not possible to present one set of rules which apply throughout the U.S.A. However, in professional wrestling these general principles do apply almost universally.

1. A fall may be gained by a wrestler in any of these ways:
 - a. by pinning his opponent so that both shoulders touch the mat for a count of three.
 - b. by forcing opponent to submit to a punishing legal hold.
 - c. by disqualification of opponent by the referee.
 - d. by failure of opponent to carry on wrestling after referees count ten. In some states count of 20 is allowed if wrestler is outside ring and on floor of arena.
2. Wrestlers must break any hold when ordered to do so by referee. Failure to do this can mean disqualification.
3. If no falls are gained and time limit expires, referee can give decision to wrestler who was more aggressive and more willing to engage his opponent.
4. Referee shall slap on back or shoulders the wrestler securing fall when under man is pinned or submits.
5. All wrestling must be done within ropes.
6. Wrestlers shall be allowed a rest period, usually five minutes between falls.
7. A physician designated by the Commission shall examine all wrestlers before entering the ring.

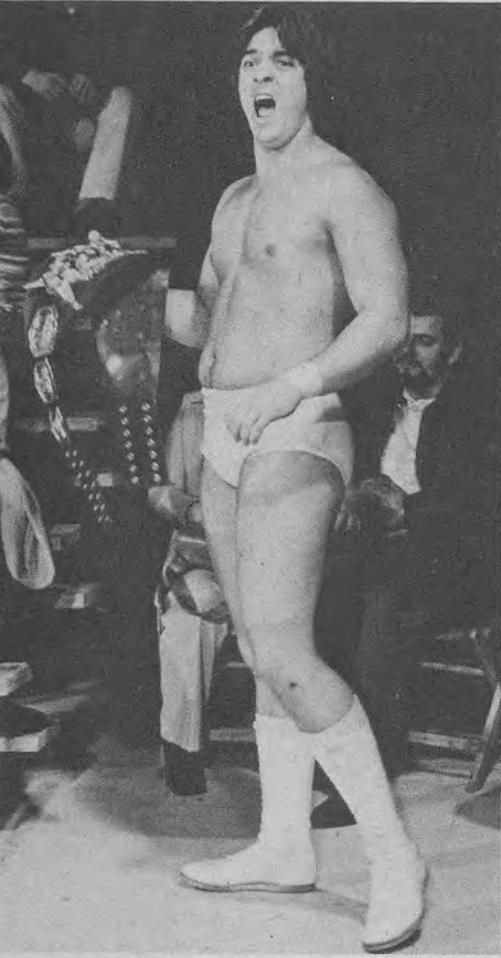
ILLEGAL HOLDS

Hold across the throat or any hold to impair natural breathing is illegal. Kicking with toe; punch with closed fist; and pulling of hair are also illegal.

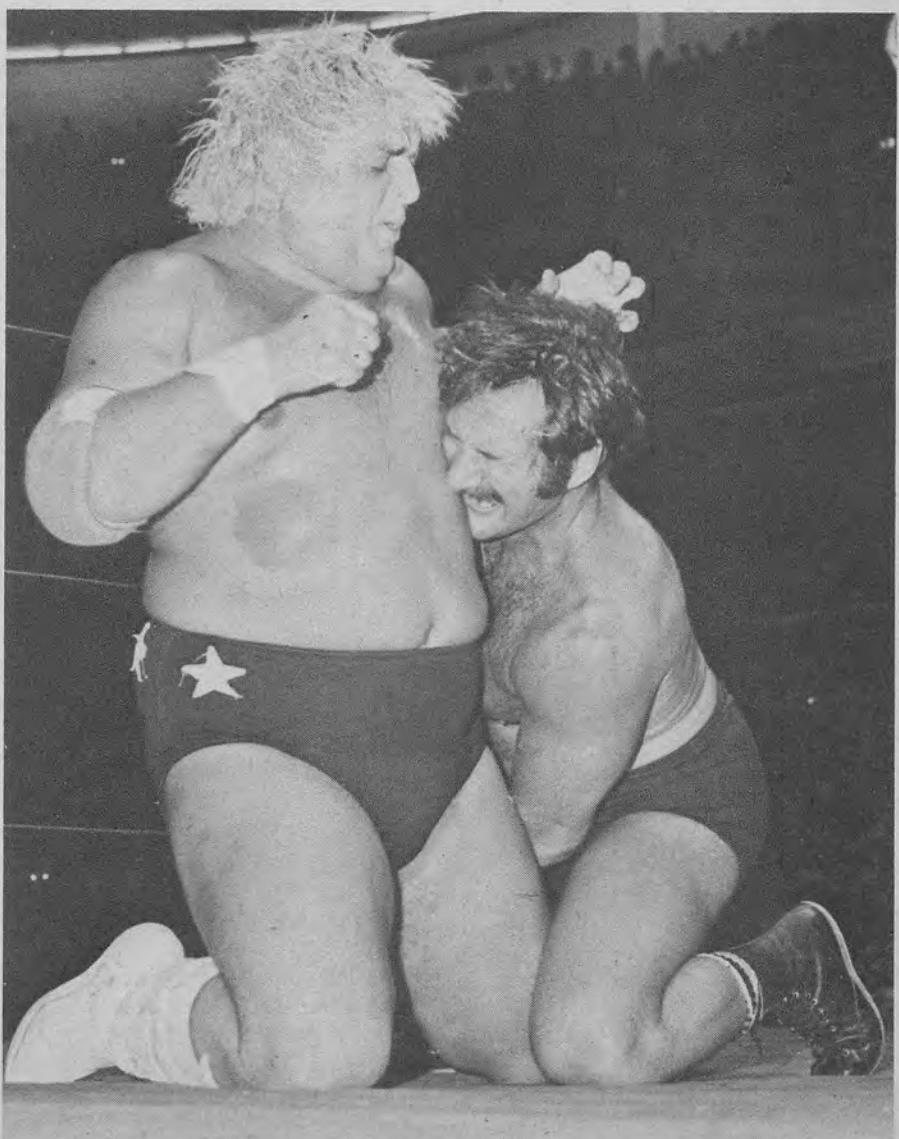
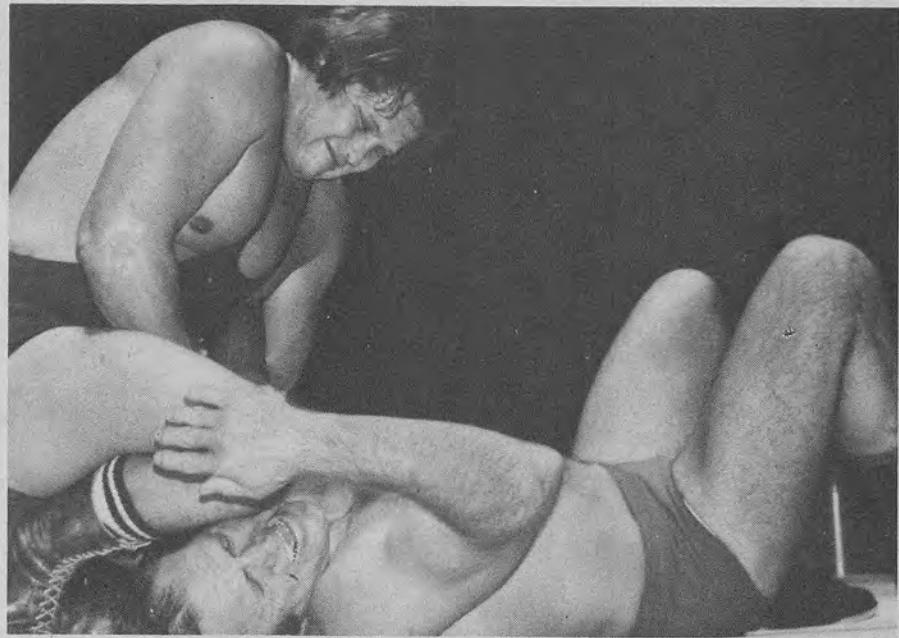
AUSTRALIAN TAGTEAM MATCH

THE RULES ARE SIMPLE

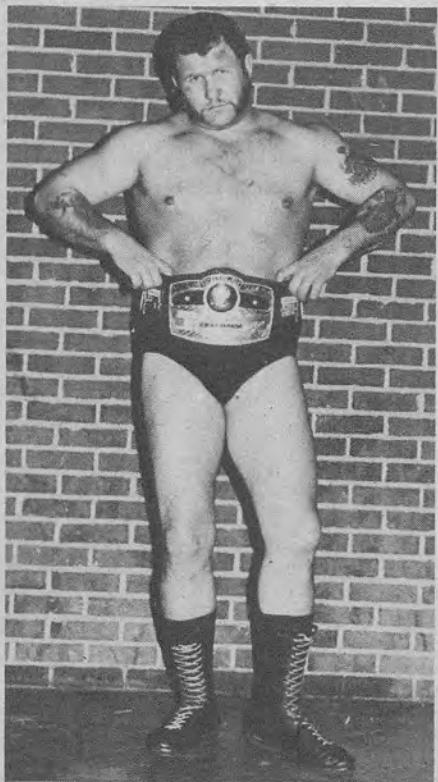
1. The contest is between two teams.
2. Each team is of two wrestlers.
3. Only two wrestlers may actually be in the ring at the same time.
4. The other two wrestlers must remain on the apron of the ring.
5. The only two wrestlers must remain on the apron of the ring.
6. One of the wrestlers actually in the ring wrestling may, if he is in difficulty, get his partner to take his place by tagging (touching) his partner's hand.
6. A wrestler may not enter the ring to assist his partner until he has been tagged. Wrestling fans will appreciate the exciting situations which are bound to develop in such a match.

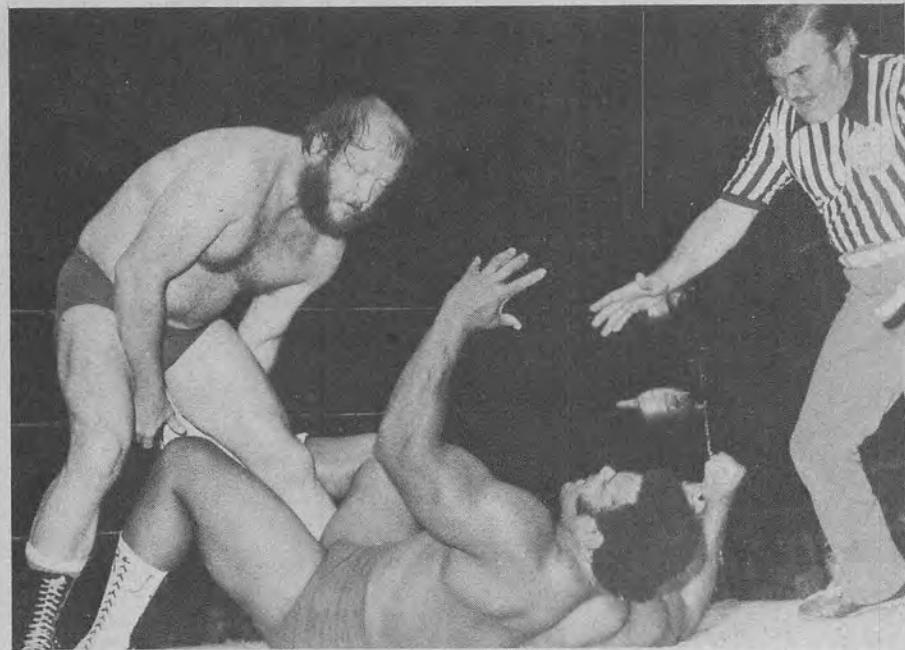


Left: Rookie sensation Gino Hernandez struts happily while holding the U.S. title. Below: Bob Roop punishes Hanny Hodge with an armbar while grinding his knee into Hodge's face, a typical Roop move.

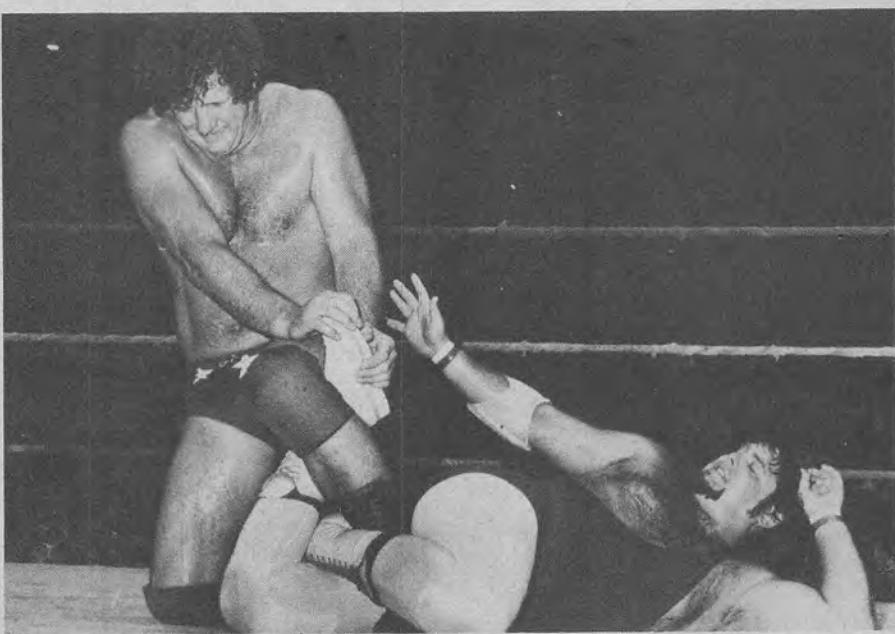


Right: Professor Malenko tries to force Dusty Rhodes to the mat, but he can't budge the hefty superstar. Below: Harley Race glowers while posing with the NWA belt, which he recently won for the second time.





Left: Rocky Johnson writhes on the mat as Dory Funk Jr. applies agonizing pressure from a stepover toehold. A match between these two is always the best in wrestling. Below center: Mr. Wrestling II makes it difficult for the Black Crusader. Below: Paul Jones snares Ole Anderson in a fine figure-four armlock. When these two battle, one can expect a wild brawl that ends in sweat and blood.



Above left: Dory Funk Jr. uses every ounce of his considerable strength to capture Rocky Johnson. A mark of Johnson's greatness is that he was able to escape. Left: Jack Brisco torments Bob Roop near the end of a particularly savage battle. The two men suffered painful bruises all over their bodies. Above: Terry Funk snares Jerry Lawler in a perfect leglock late in their fantastic battle, considered by many to be Funk's greatest victory.

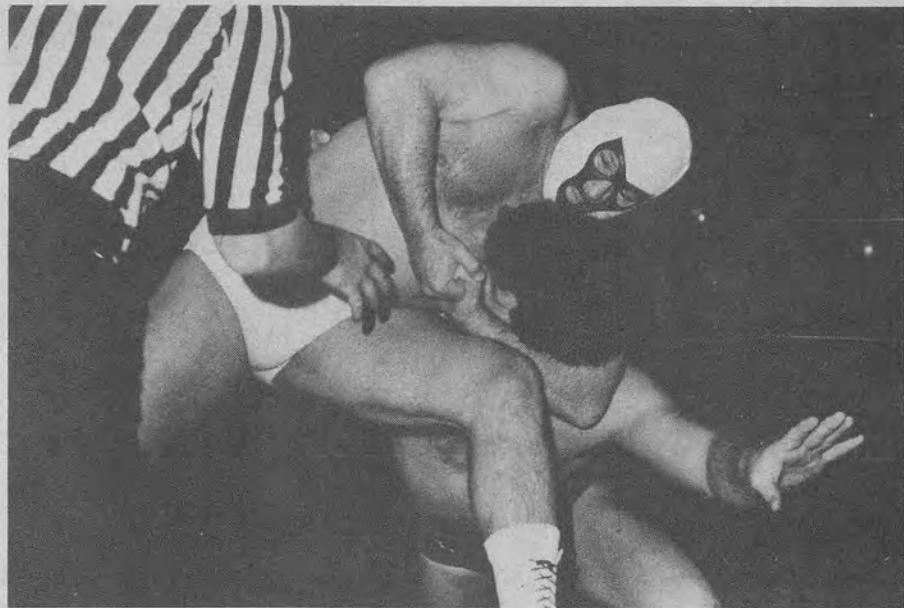
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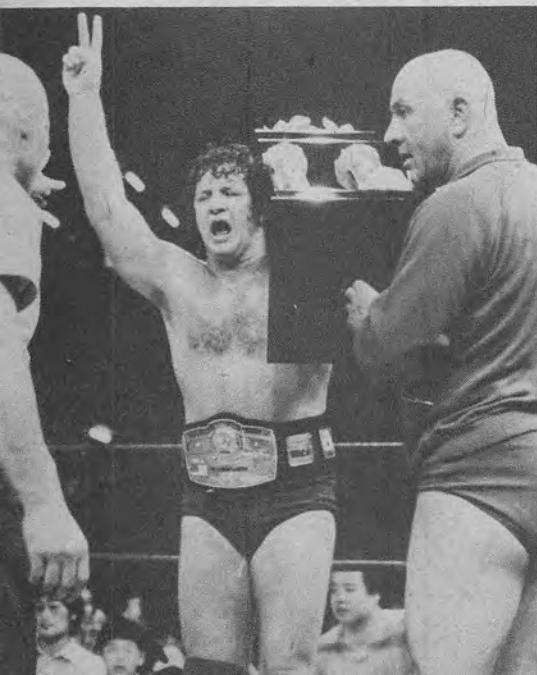
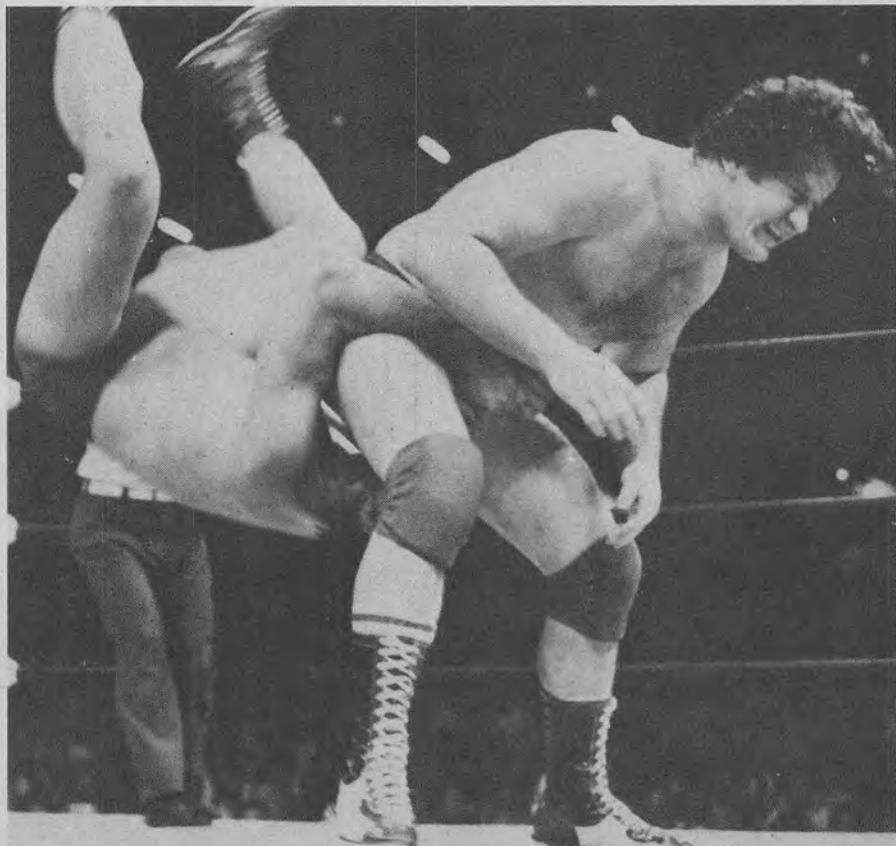
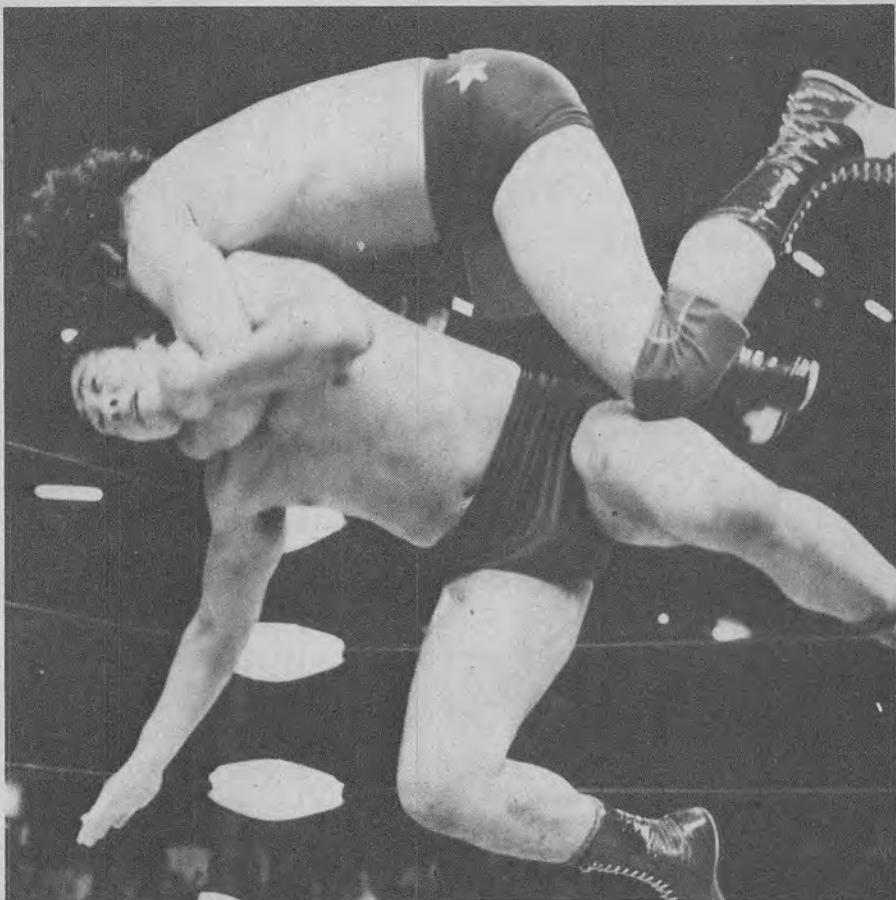
Right: Mr. Wrestling II gets me in what he calls a headlock. Of course, it was easy for me to escape. Below: I let my foe throw me into the ropes to set up my great bodyslam.



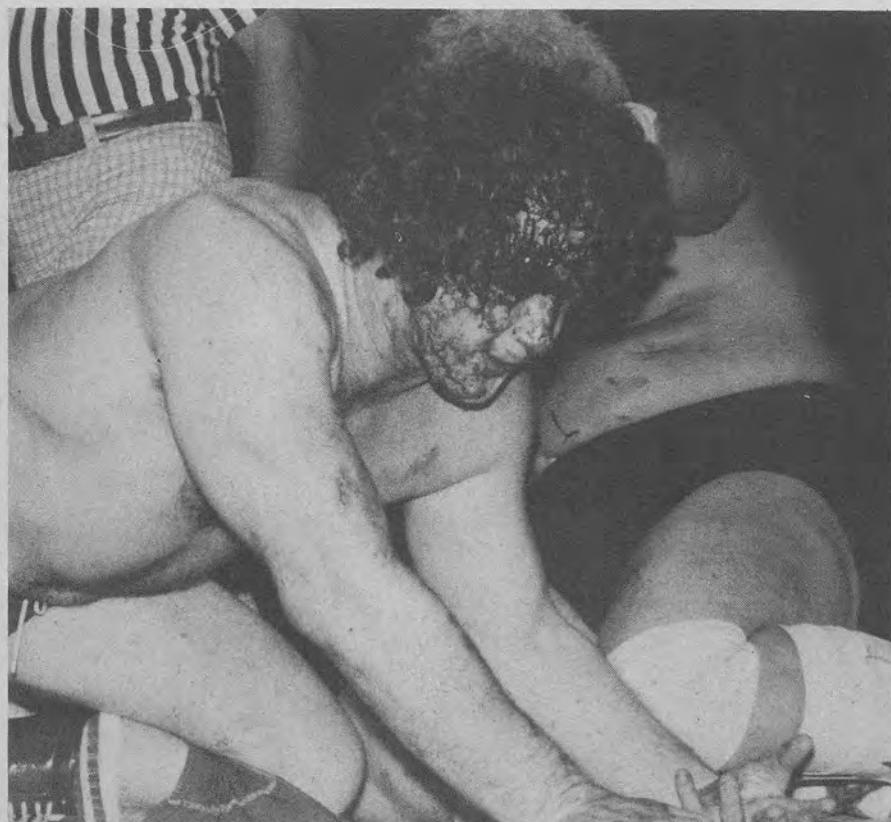
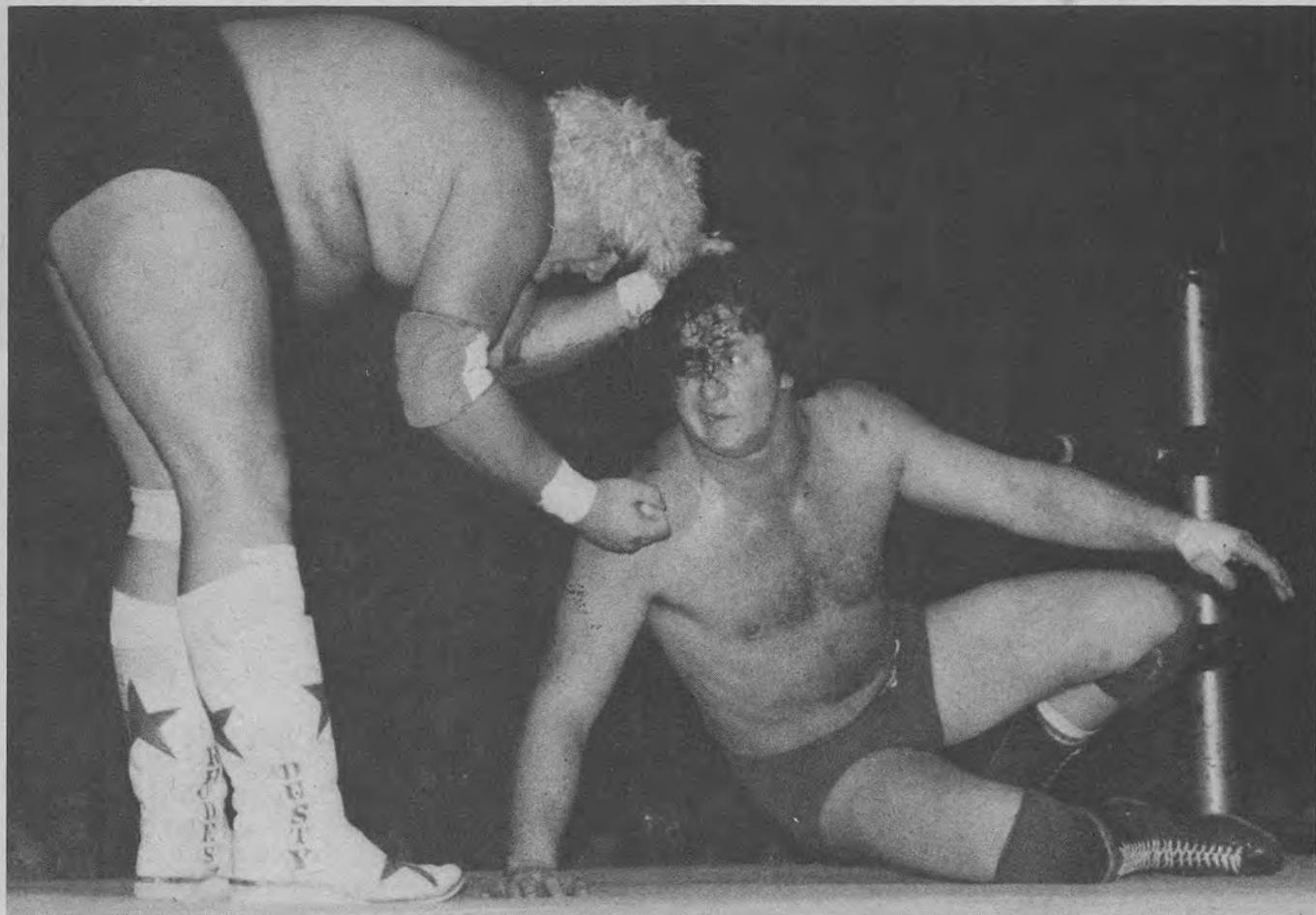
MY WEEK BY TERRY FUNK



My hand is raised in victory (above) after defeating Tommy Tsuruta. My second helps me, though I wish he could have taken some of the lumps. My whole body was a shaft of pain after Tsuruta flipped me to the mat (above right). And when I manage to flip him, the wily rat holds on (below right) and gets me in real trouble. I went flying! Still, at the end of the night, I received the winner's trophy (below). At that moment, though, I'd much rather have had a large tube of liniment!



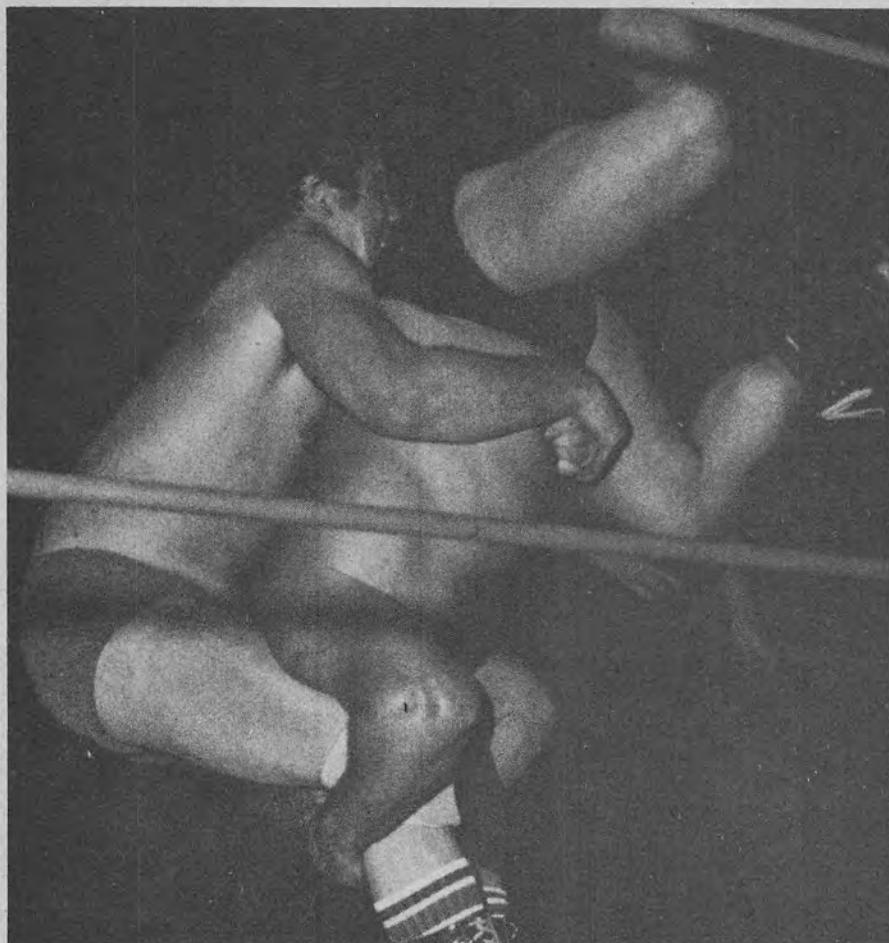
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1977 VS DUSTY RHODES
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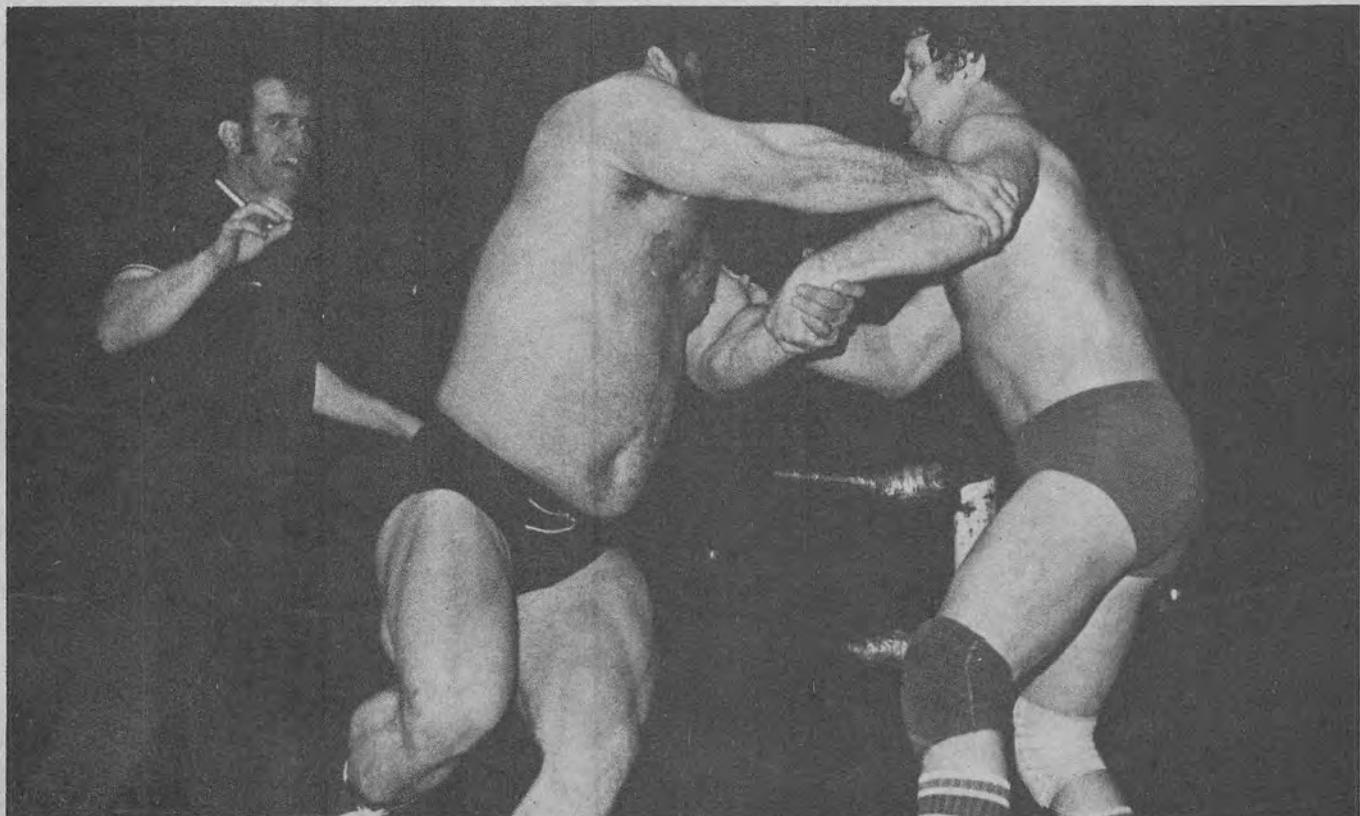
I hate Dusty Rhodes! The rat never misses a chance to bloody me (above). At one point in the match, I crawled on the mat blinded by my own blood (left). The match finally ended by both of us brawling outside the ring but with me getting in the best shots (below), as always.



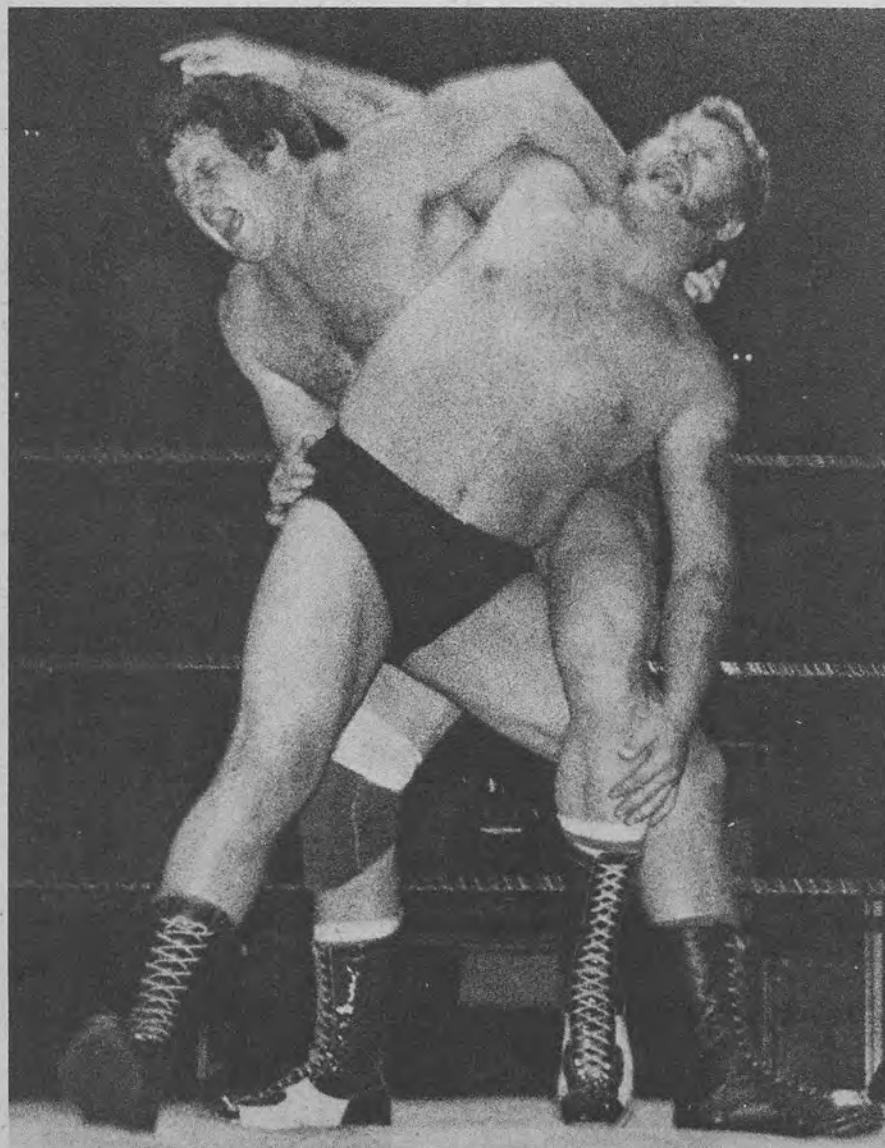
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1977 VS. IVAN PUTSKI
AUSTIN TEXAS



Ivan Putski looks a lot stronger than he really is. It's fairly easy for me to torture him in a headlock (above). You can bet Putski will never forget my piledriver (left). When Ivan tried to throw me into the ropes (below), it was easy for me to avoid trouble.



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1977 VS. HARLEY RACE
TORONTO, CANADA



I walked into this match as NWA king (above) after the most grueling week of my life. I wasn't much worried, because I was wrestling Harley Race. In the beginning, I dominated the slob (above left) and came close to having him submit (left). But later, the referee lied about me submitting and gave my belt to Race (below). A man wouldn't have taken the belt under those conditions. Nobody ever said Race was a man.



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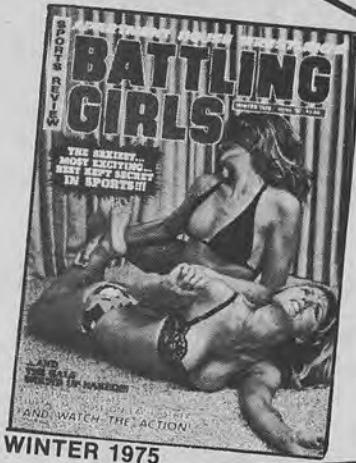
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ABOUT ANDRE

I was saddened by your article, "Andre, Strongbow, and White Wolf: What Brought Them Together—And Is Now Tearing Them Apart?" (Spring 1977). It seems a shame these three wrestlers could not work together effectively. They would have been dynamite!

Of course, I do understand that



Andre the Giant (above) tried to team with Chief Jay Strongbow and Billy White Wolf. Unfortunately, their joint effort did not succeed.

Andre's style could not mesh with that of the Indians. They have been working together for a long time; they know each other's strengths and weaknesses. However, if the Indians had been a little more willing to work with Andre beforehand, maybe this disaster could have been avoided. With a little more training, the Indians and Andre might have been able to defeat the Executioners and Bruiser Brodie.

LENN FRIGOLD
Cleveland, Ohio



Lord Al Hays has Dory Funk Jr. about to submit (left). One reader wrote in to say this match was very important, though no title was on the line.

NOT MEANINGLESS

I think it was a little rash to call it "Lord Al Hays' Meaningless Victory Over Dory Funk Jr." (Spring 1977). Hays clearly defeated Funk once again. So what if there was no title at stake? After all, does every match have to be for a title?

I will grant you Hays was denied the title he deserved to win from Dory Funk several years ago. But that was in the past. There was nothing which could be done now. Therefore, it should just be forgotten.

What is important is that Al Hays defeated Dory Funk. It was a difficult match for both men, but Hays won. There is the meaning. It does have importance, taken in its proper context. There is no need to call it meaningless.

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ERNIE LADD

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Above: The action spills over the ropes as Ladd chokes Abdullah the Butcher. Below: A chair is a usual weapon for John Tolos, as Ladd is forced to learn.



combat. Blood flowed and victims went to the hospital. Ladd survived.

Ernie would always survive. This gargantuan grappler can take the measure of any man. Still, mauling a wrestler is not Ladd's idea of sport. This isn't what he dedicated his life to doing.

If Ernie had been told two months ago he would now be suffering for being too rough, he would have laughed. So would everyone who knows him. Ladd has earned a reputation for being able to slug it out with anyone. Mercy has never been one of his dominant characteristics.

But nothing has been normal lately. Ladd's recent opponents are pushing him to the brink of murder. Ladd may be a brawler, but he's not a killer. At least he doesn't want to be. Ernie fears fate will force him to murder a man in the ring.

"It's the promoters," Ernie says frequently to whomever will listen.

"They're forcing me to wrestle these animals. They won't give me a match against a normal wrestler. I have no other choice but to get in there with the wackos. And that means wrestling as dirty as possible. Now, I'm not afraid of anybody anywhere, but this is ridiculous."

"I've tried to get the promoters to put me against other kinds of wrestlers. Do you know what those clowns say? 'Just do what we tell you and collect your check. Trust us to make more money for everyone.' I wouldn't trust those guys as far as they could throw me!"

"They've made me take these cretins, one right after another. This isn't what I became a wrestler for. I can earn these creep promoters a fortune no matter who I wrestle. I think the money men get their jollies watching me batter some maniac senseless. Probably because they don't have the guts to do it themselves."

"Yeah, that's what I am to them—the messenger of revenge. If they can't handle some animal during contract negotiations, vengeance will be Ladd's, saith the promoters. So they pay me a fortune to do their dirty work. Well, I can get the same dough somewhere else, doing what I want to do. All I need is the chance."

After this harangue, Ladd goes out and wrestles another savage rulebreaker. The match is long, brutal, and ugly. Blood gushes freely. In the end, one man is carried out on a stretcher. Another stands victorious, although exhausted and in pain. That man is Ernie Ladd.

After the match, Ladd is silent as the doctor tends to his wounds. There is nothing to say. When the doctor has stitched up the wounds, Ladd gets in his car and leaves the arena. He knows his next match will be just like the last one. Once more it will be kill or be killed. The promoters will make sure of that.

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APARTMENT WRESTLING MATCH

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Madeline squeezes Madge's head between her powerful thighs during their wild and brutal brawl. Madge's screams rent the air as she tries to escape from the agony inflicted by her gargantuan opponent. Madeline may be the largest woman to ever be an apartment wrestler.

continue to be the same type of spectator.

"All my life," Salome explains, "I've wanted to be worshipped by elegant gentlemen, men with enough style to be casual when formal. To be in the same room with them, feel their power, is the biggest thrill in the world. Nothing comes close. It makes me battle even harder, knowing they admire my strength. Knowing their eyes are feasting on my body in combat is the greatest adrenaline rush ever!"

"I don't want to wrestle for the animals I fought off in high school!"

Both views will be compromised, according to those in charge. There will remain the elite flavor of the spectacles. Champagne and *hors d'oeuvres* will not be replaced by beer and pretzels. Still, the people present will represent a greater cross-section than ever before. The style will basically remain the same, but differences will be apparent after approximately a year.

Another reason for the change of policy is the need for expansion. As the men said in their statement, they have tried other methods to widen the scale of this sport, failing dismally each time. They hope this method will be successful. Whether it will or not depends upon the readers of this magazine.

Tara, the young woman who won the apartment championship only to retire the title, is a headstrong young woman with very definite ideas on how the sport should be expanded. Tara speaks only for herself, but everyone better listen.

"Apartment wrestling is class!" Tara exclaims. "We're not a bunch of losers hanging around smelly arenas, wrestling for a crowd of cretins. We're beautiful and we're the best. The spectators are the most important men in this generation. Do you know, I've wrestled before three men who came close to being nominated as Presidential candidates? I deserve that kind of audience."

"I know there's a lot of women who want the crowds to be comprised of all kinds of people. Well, they'd all better be special in some way. If I'm wrestling, you can bet the crowd will be checked out by you truly. There have been times in



Barbara captures Susan in a perfect scissors lock, torturing the blonde's head between powerful thighs. Soon, this fantastic action can be viewed by a new and varied group of spectators.

my life when I couldn't be that choosy about the company I kept. I'm making up for that in a big way!

"I'm for keeping this sport as select as possible. Whatever happens, it should only take place in cities or exclusive resorts. This can't turn into something for lodge meetings. This has to be kept special."

Tara remembers the match in which a drunken engineer, Harold Martin, tried to force his way into the action. Tara and Salome, the two women wrestling at the time, taught the sot a painful lesson. However, Tara feels these matches are too important to be interrupted by drunks. Naturally, everyone agrees there.

Jenny, another famed apartment grappler, recently participated in a match in which these people, none of whom anyone had known before, were invited to witness the match. She recounts the experience:

"Of course, my opponent and I were aware of what was happening. I think we paid as much attention to the strangers as to the match. At first, we were worried. But then, we saw the look of awe on the men's faces, the worship of our bodies tensed and writhing in combat, was an incredible sensation. I think we let the match go longer and made it more exciting just to see the guys' faces. I don't

usually maul opponents with delight, but I couldn't help myself. I tore into that girl, plastering her all over the room. I don't think there were five square inches on her body that weren't bruised. And there were a few tender spots on my body, too. Luckily, clothes cover most of them! I think the new men were responsible for the wild brawl.

"I think it's great to have new spectators at each match. It keeps us fresh, you know? That's important. And fun. A whole lot of fun."

Jenny, and the other young ladies, will get a chance to see how long the fun can last. Moll has already set up an apartment wrestling committee to examine the letters. On the board are some of New York's finest authors, psychiatrists, businessmen, artists, and executives. Every man will read each letter and then a vote will be held. All letters should be sent to:

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THE NWA

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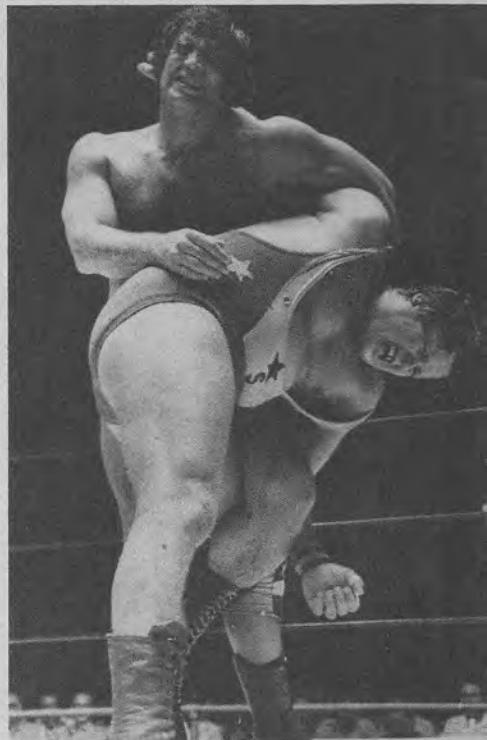
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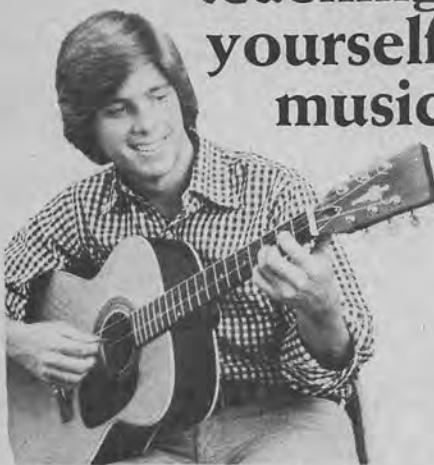
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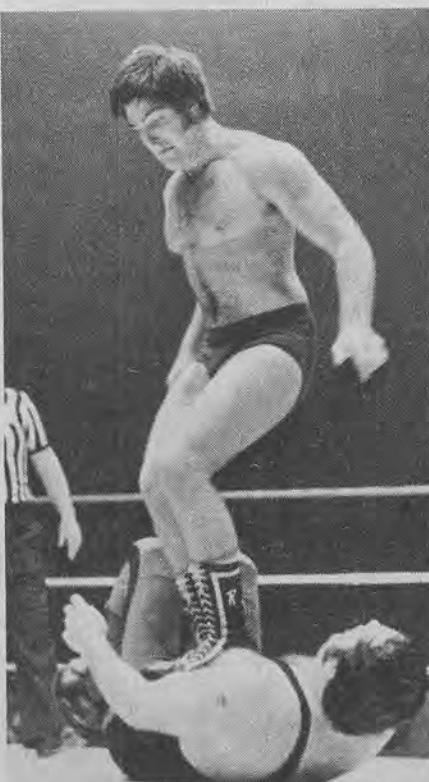
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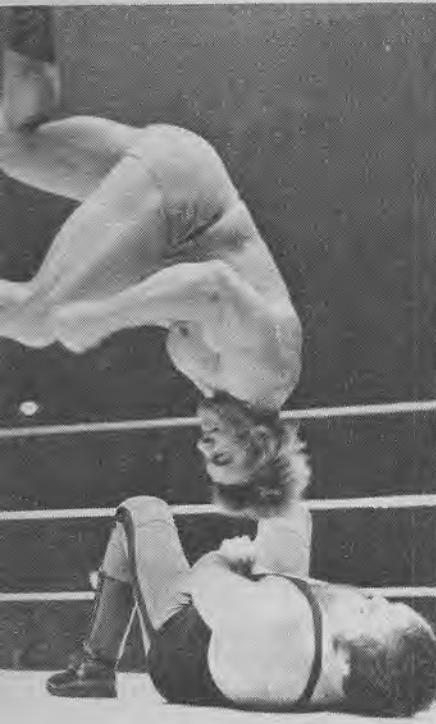
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THE CHAMPIONS

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Above: Gagne smashes Goulet Below: Ric Flair has been pegged as a champion of the future.



reader of the many complex reasons a man chooses a future champion. One can notice a startling similarity between the present champions and the styles of those they picked as future champions. It's not strange for a man to think a future champion will use the same methods as himself. Also, one is more apt to pick someone who does things well in a style he can most understand. The more one knows of a style, the more one can appreciate that style executed well. So the champions would naturally pick similar wrestlers. This does not mean men who wrestle differently can not be picked as future champions. It only means they would not be picked by current champs.

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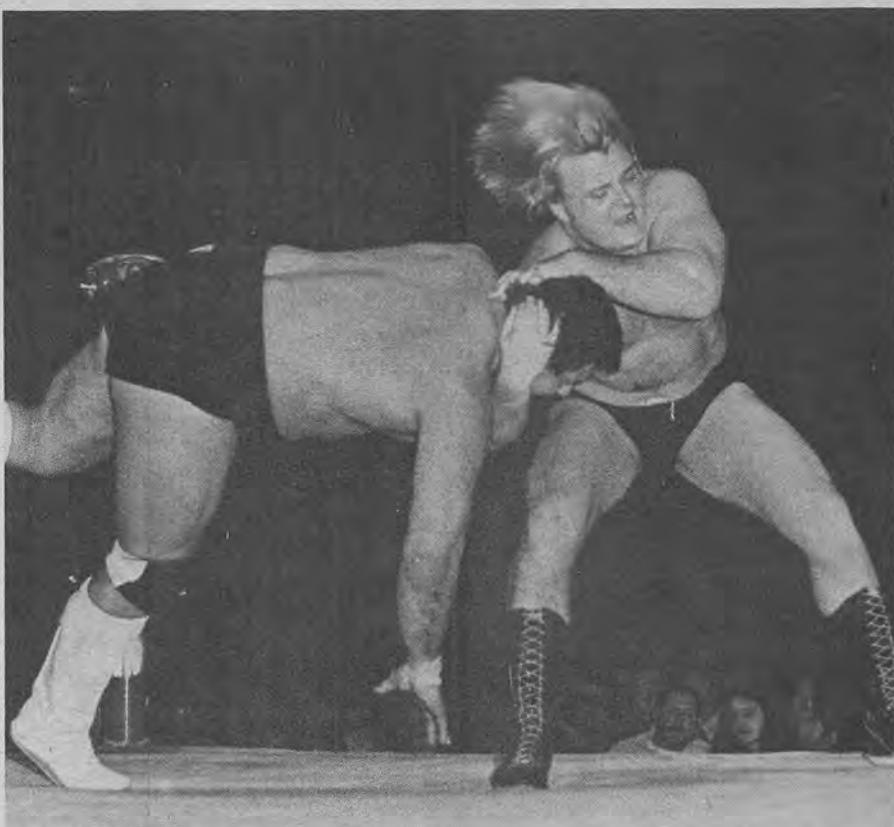
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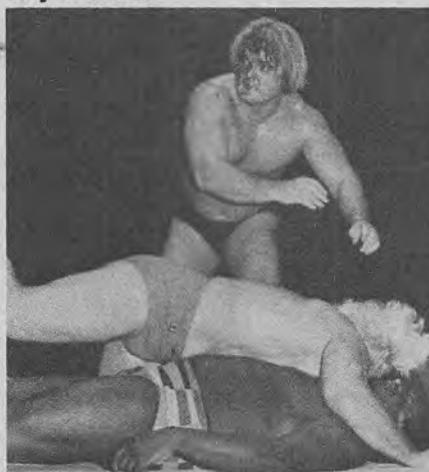
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VALENTINE AND FLAIR

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Greg Valentine hurls Wahoo McDaniel across the ring (above). Ric Flair looks like he is about to defeat his opponent, Rufus R. Jones, with a little help from Valentine. This duo is just as vicious away from the mat wars as they are when they wrestle!



knows his victims. Broken once again, the old man trudges away. Flair and Valentine laugh.

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dies against us. D-E-A-D. Here lies a man stupid enough to challenge Flair and Valentine."

"People call us mean," Flair adds, and then laughs, "they don't know the half of it! We don't give a damn about anyone. As I see it, the world is made up of victims. They're just using up air we need. If I had my way, most of the world would be dumped in a huge pit and then buried alive. The only thing they're good for is fertilizer. Give them to the worms who could use them!"

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"I'LL NEVER TEAM WITH ANDRE THE GIANT AGAIN!!!"

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alone. He didn't want anyone's company. Few men like crowds after being publicly humiliated.

It wasn't until the next day Jose made a statement. It was moderate, rational, calm. It couldn't disguise the pain.

"After last night," Jose declared, "I've come to the difficult decision that I can never team with Andre the

Giant again. I'm sorry it has to come to this, but I can't see any other recourse. The man is not suited to tag team wrestling. He remains one of the greatest wrestlers ever and I plan to watch him every chance I get. I hope someday to once again be his friend. But I will never again put myself in the situation of having him as my tag team partner."



Gordman and Goliath both go to work on Andre (above), causing the Giant considerable agony. Even though he appears to be in trouble, Andre commands his partner to return to the sidelines (below). Jose wanted to give his partner help, but Andre kept refusing the offers!



Reporters tried to ask Jose questions after his statement. The wrestler asked to escape without further comment, explaining, "There's a chance I'll say something I'll regret. I can feel my temper still boiling. It won't take much to make me say things that shouldn't be said."



The early action of this match was very exciting, with all four men joining in on the battle!

The press honored Jose's request. There was no reason to push it, anyway. The man had said all that was necessary. No one wanted to take away Lothario's dignity. The match had done too much of that.

Andre again tried to make amends. Two days later, he sent all reporters a flowing tribute of Jose. It went on for three pages. No wrestler has ever won a greater testimonial. However, the shocking statement came at the end.

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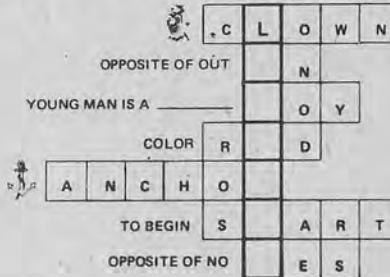
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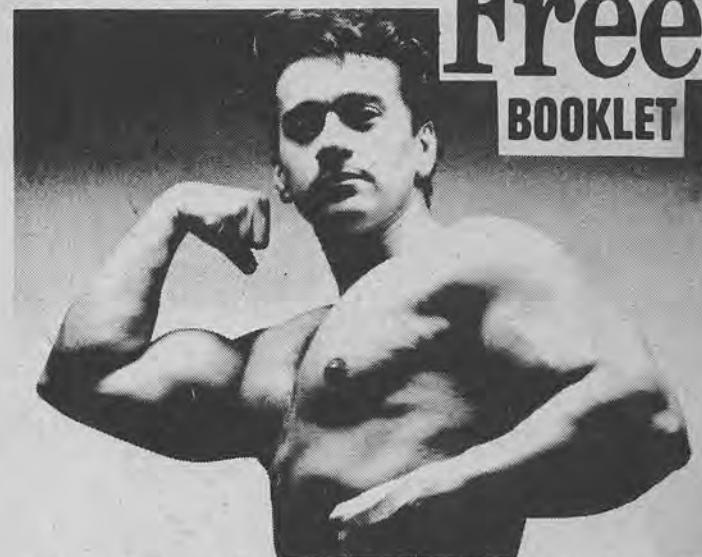
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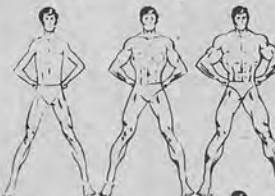


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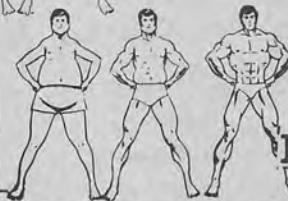
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